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20,000 die each day

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Extreme poverty claimed more than 20,000 lives yesterday with common illnesses, including chest infections and diarrhoea, accounting for a third of the victims. Another 20,000 people are expected to die from treatable diseases today – and again tomorrow.

The three biggest killers – respiratory infections, diarrhoea and malnutrition – took nearly 16,000 lives, the majority of them children under the age of five.

More than 6000 of the deaths yesterday were in just four African countries: Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

Peggy O'Connor, 33, an Australian aid worker in Ethiopia with Médecins Sans Frontières, said her biggest frustration was the lack of affordable medicines to treat illnesses such as malaria, HIV/AIDS and kala azar – a parasitic disease that can be fatal if left untreated.

"Kala azar and malaria are curable, HIV/AIDS is treatable, yet the majority of Ethiopians do not have access to basic health care or life-saving drugs so they die," she told the *Herald*.

About 270 million people – 13 times the population of Australia – have died from poverty-related causes since 1990.

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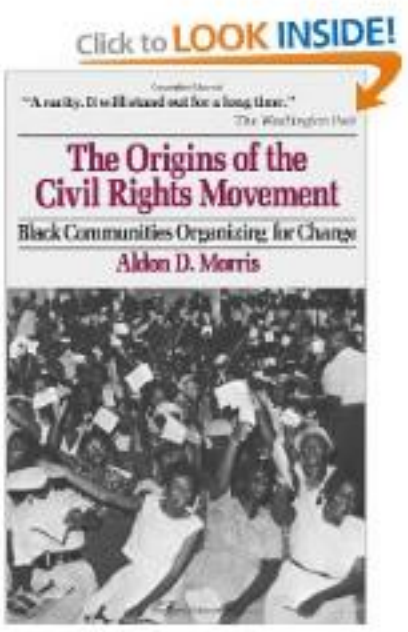
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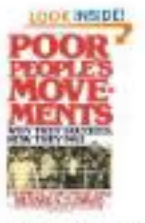
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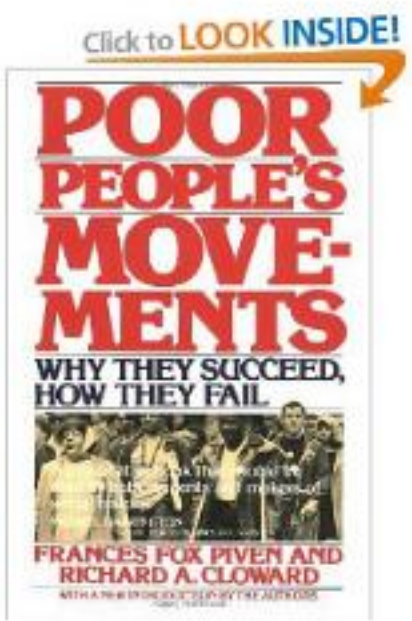
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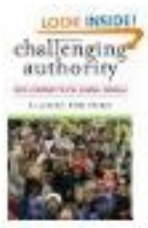
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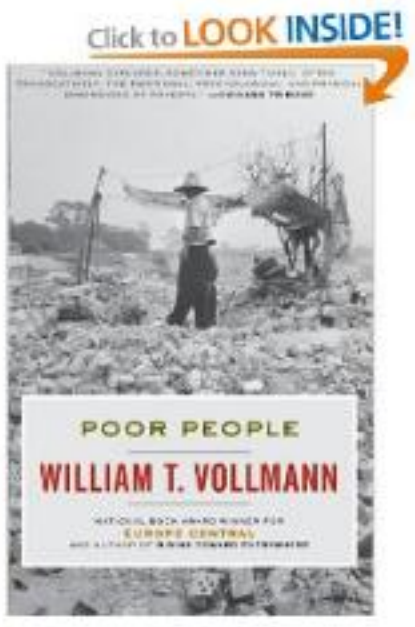
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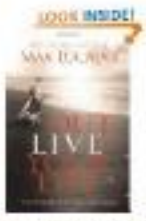
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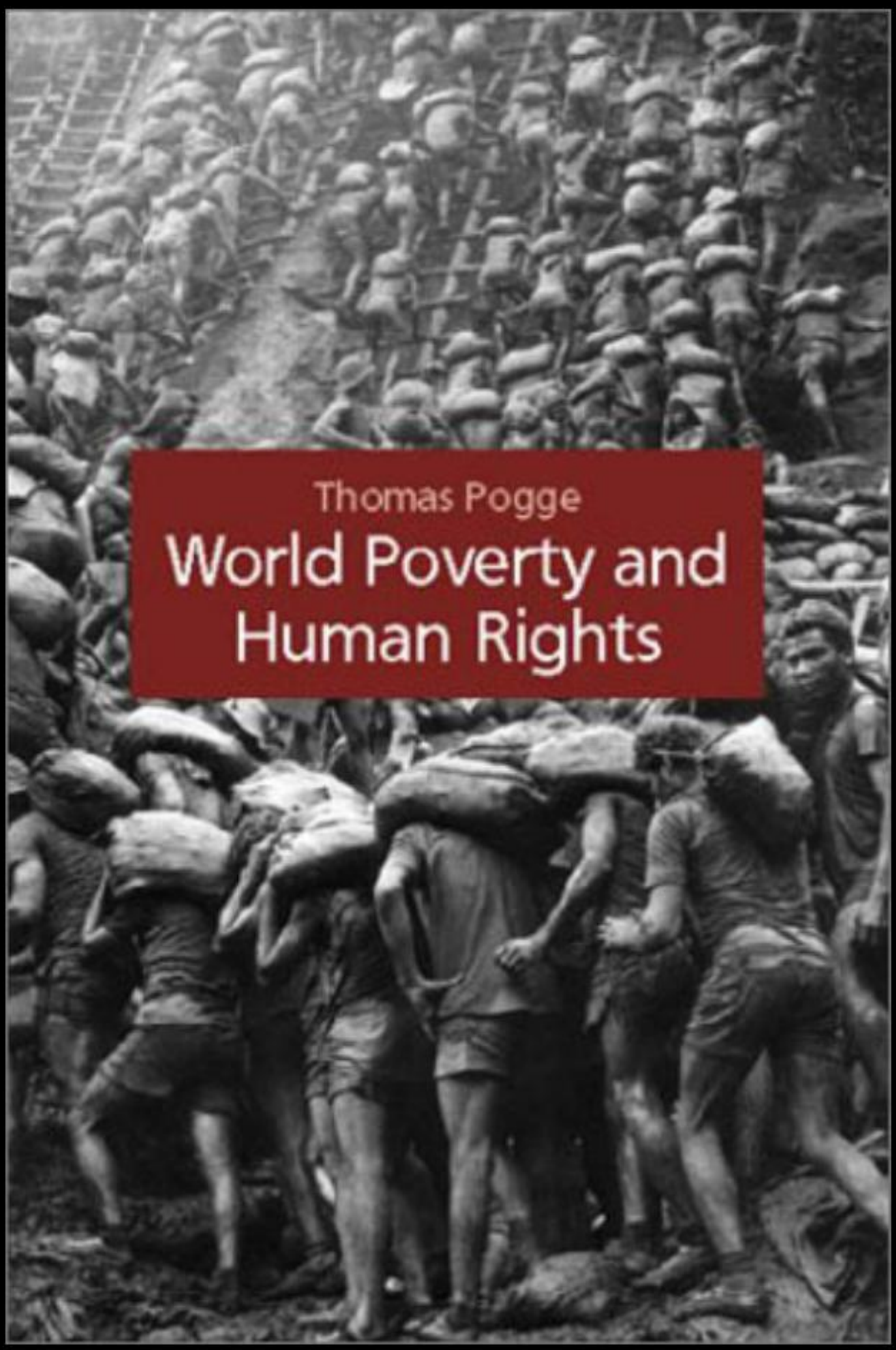


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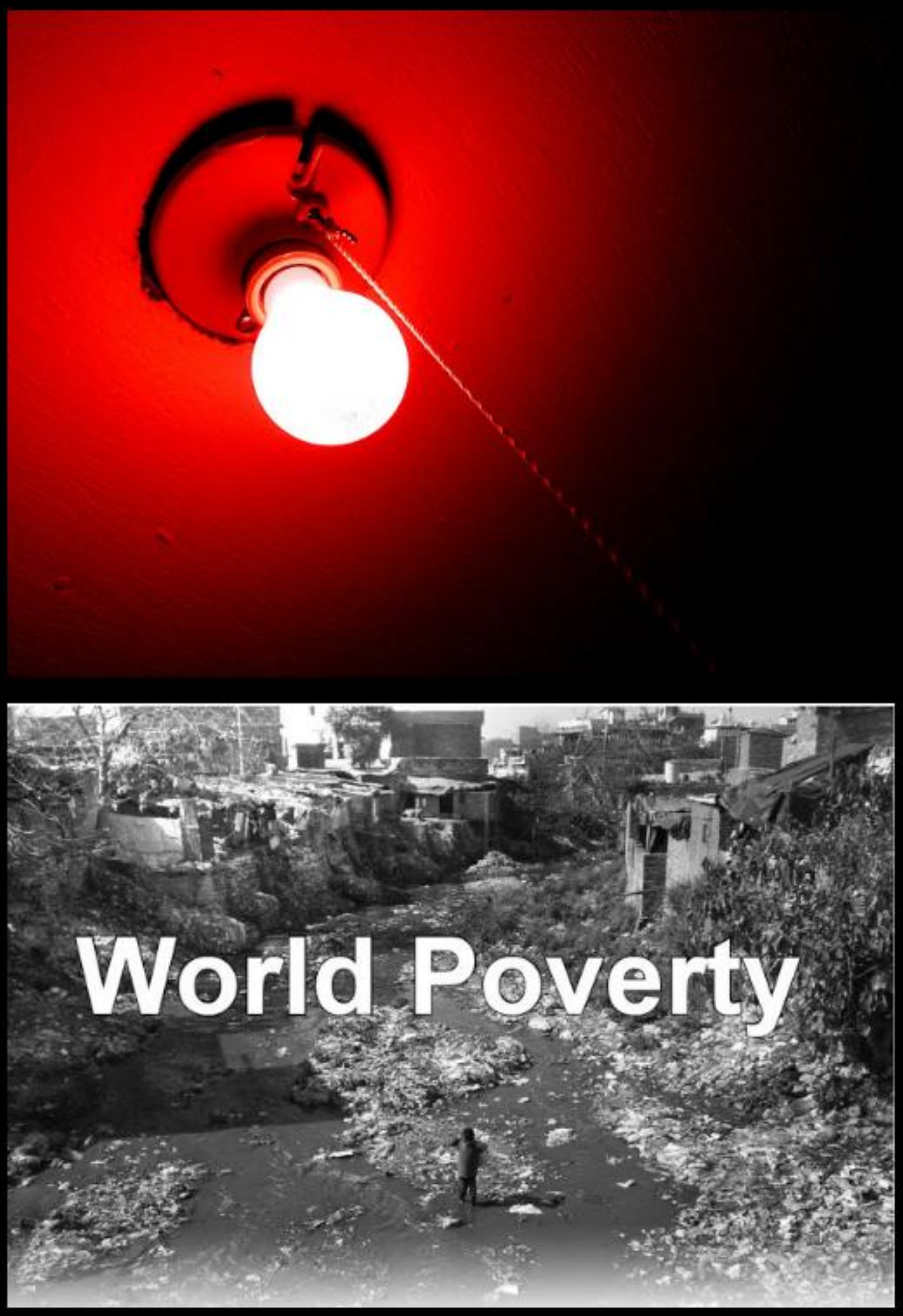
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"The richest 1 percent has increased its income by 60 percent in the last 20 years with the financial crisis accelerating rather than slowing the process," while the income of the top 0.01 percent has seen even greater growth, a new Oxfam report said.

For example, the luxury goods market has seen double-digit growth every year since the crisis hit, the report stated. And while the world's 100 richest people earned $240 billion last year, people in "extreme poverty" lived on less than $1.25 a day.

Oxfam is a leading international philanthropy organization. Its new report, 'The Cost of Inequality: How Wealth and Income Extremes Hurt us All,' argues that the extreme concentration of wealth actually hinders the world's ability to reduce poverty.

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An example of urban poverty in this slum in Jakarta, Indonesia

Poverty is the state of one who lacks a certain amount of material possessions or money.[1] **Absolute poverty** or **destitution** refers to the deprivation of basic human needs, which commonly includes food, water, sanitation, clothing, shelter, health care and education. Relative poverty is defined contextually as economic inequality in the location or society in which people live.[2][3]

For much of history, poverty was considered largely unavoidable as traditional modes of production were insufficient to give an entire population a comfortable standard of living.[1][4] After the industrial revolution, mass production in factories made wealth increasingly more inexpensive and accessible. Of more importance is the modernization of agriculture, such as fertilizers, to provide enough yield to feed the population.[5] The supply of basic needs can be restricted by constraints on government services such as corruption, tax avoidance, debt and loan conditionalities and by the brain drain of health care and educational professionals. Strategies of increasing income to make basic needs more affordable typically include welfare, economic freedoms, and providing financial services.

Poverty reduction is a major goal and issue for many international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank. The World Bank estimated 1.29 billion people were living in absolute poverty in 2008. Of these, about 400 million people in absolute poverty lived in India and 173 million people in China. In USA 1 in 5 children lives in poverty.[6] In terms of percentage of regional populations, sub-Saharan Africa at 47% had the highest incidence rate of absolute poverty in 2008. Between 1990 and 2010, about 663 million people moved above the absolute poverty level. Still, extreme poverty is a global challenge; it is observed in all parts of the world, including the developed economies.[7][8]

Etymology

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See also: List of countries by percentage of population living in poverty and Poverty threshold

Definitions



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United Nations: Fundamentally, poverty is a denial of choices and opportunities, a violation of human dignity. It means lack of basic capacity to participate effectively in society. It means not having enough to feed and clothe a family, not having a school or clinic to go to, not having the land on which to grow one's food or a job to earn one's living, not having access to credit. It means insecurity, powerlessness and exclusion of individuals, households and communities. It means susceptibility to violence, and it often implies living in marginal or fragile environments, without access to clean water or sanitation.[10]

World Bank: Poverty is pronounced deprivation in well-being, and comprises many dimensions. It includes low incomes and the inability to acquire the basic goods and services necessary for survival with dignity. Poverty also encompasses low levels of health and education, poor access to clean water and sanitation, inadequate physical security, lack of voice, and insufficient capacity and opportunity to better one's life. [11]

Copenhagen Declaration: *Absolute poverty* is a condition characterized by severe deprivation of basic human needs, including food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, health, shelter, education and information. It depends not only on income but also on access to social services.[12] The term 'absolute poverty' is sometimes synonymously referred to as 'extreme poverty.'[13]

Absolute poverty

Poverty is usually measured as either absolute or relative (the latter being actually an index of income inequality). Absolute poverty refers to a set standard which is consistent over time and between countries.

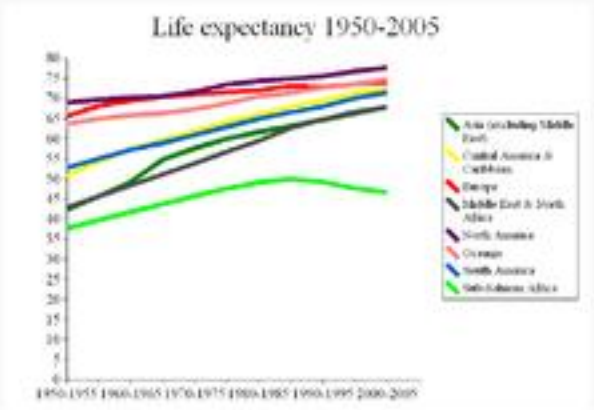
For a few years starting 1990, The World Bank anchored absolute poverty line as $1 per day. This was revised in 1993, and through 2005, absolute poverty was $1.08 a day for all countries on a purchasing power parity basis, after adjusting for inflation to the 1993 U.S. dollar. In 2005, after extensive studies of cost of living across the world, The World Bank raised the measure for global poverty line to reflect the observed higher cost of living.[14] Now, the World Bank defines extreme poverty as living on less than US$1.25 (PPP) per day, and *moderate poverty*[*citation needed*] as less than $2 or $5 a day (but note that a person or family with access to subsistence resources, e.g. subsistence farmers, may have a low cash income without a correspondingly low standard of living – they are not living "on" their cash income but using it as a top up). It estimates that "in 2001, 1.1 billion people had consumption levels below $1 a day and 2.7 billion lived on less than $2 a day."[15] A *dollar a day*, in nations that do not use the U.S. dollar as currency, does not translate to living a day on the equivalent amount of local currency as determined by the exchange rate.[16] Rather, it is determined by the purchasing power parity rate, which would look at how much local currency is needed to buy the same things that a dollar could buy in the United States.[16] Usually, this would translate to less local currency than the exchange rate in poorer countries as the United States is a relatively more expensive country.[16]

The poverty line threshold of $1.25 per day, as set by The World Bank, is controversial. Each nation has its own threshold for absolute poverty line; in the United States, for example, the absolute poverty line was US$15.15 per day in 2010 (US$22,000 per year for a family of four),[17] while in India it was US$ 1.0 per day[18] and in China the absolute poverty line was US$ 0.55 per day, each on PPP basis in 2010.[19] These different poverty lines make data comparison between each nation's official reports qualitatively difficult. Some scholars argue that The World Bank method sets the bar too high, others argue it is low. Still others suggest that poverty line misleads as it measures everyone below the poverty line the same, when in reality someone living on $1.2 per day is in a different state of poverty than someone living on $0.2 per day. In other words, the depth and intensity of poverty varies across the world and in any regional populations, and $1.25 per day poverty line and head counts are inadequate measures.[18][20][21]

The proportion of the developing world's population living in extreme economic poverty fell from 28 percent in 1990 to 21 percent in 2001.[15] Most of this improvement has occurred in East and South Asia.[22] In East Asia the World Bank reported that "The poverty headcount rate at the $2-a-day level is estimated to have fallen to about 27 percent [in 2007], down from 29.5 percent in 2006 and 69 percent in 1990."[23] In Sub-Saharan Africa extreme poverty went up from 41 percent in 1981 to 46 percent in 2001,[24] which combined with growing population increased the number of people living

World Bank data shows that the percentage of the population living in households with consumption or income per person below the poverty line has decreased in each region of the world since 1990:[29][30]

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East Asia and Pacific	15.40%	12.33%	9.07%	77.2%	14.3%
Europe and Central Asia	3.60%	1.28%	0.95%	1.9%	0.5%
Latin America and the Caribbean	9.62%	9.08%	8.64%	11.9%	6.5%
Middle East and North Africa	2.08%	1.69%	1.47%	9.6%	2.7%
South Asia	35.04%	33.44%	30.84%	61.1%	36%
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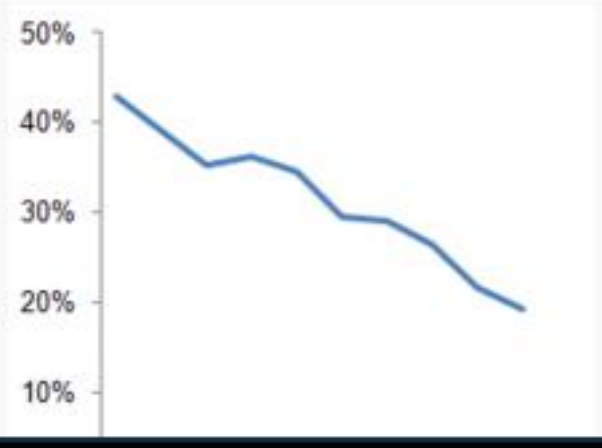


Life expectancy has been increasing and converging for most of the world. Sub-Saharan Africa has recently seen a decline, partly related to the AIDS epidemic. Graph shows the years 1950–2005.

According to Chen and Ravallion, about 1.76 billion people in developing world lived *above* $1.25 per day and 1.9 billion people lived *below* $1.25 per day in 1981. The world's population increased over the next 25 years. In 2005, about 4.09 billion people in developing world lived above $1.25 per day and 1.4 billion people lived below $1.25 per day (both 1981 and 2005 data are on inflation adjusted basis).[32][33] Some scholars caution that these trends are subject to various assumptions, and not certain. Additionally, they note that the poverty reduction is not uniform across the world; economically prospering countries such as China, India and Brazil have made more progress in absolute poverty reduction than countries in other regions of the world.[34]

The absolute poverty measure trends noted above are supported by human development indicators, which have also been improving. Life expectancy has greatly increased in the developing world since World War II and is starting to close the gap to the developed world.[*citation needed*] Child mortality has decreased in every developing region of the world.[35] The proportion of the world's population living in countries where per-capita food supplies are less than 2,200 calories (9,200 kilojoules) per day decreased from 56% in the mid-1960s to below 10% by the 1990s. Similar trends can be observed for literacy, access to clean water and electricity and basic consumer items.[36]

Relative poverty



Relative poverty views poverty as socially defined and dependent on social context, hence relative poverty is a measure of income inequality. Usually, relative poverty is measured as the percentage of population with income less than some fixed proportion of median income. There are several other different income inequality metrics, for example the Gini coefficient or the Theil Index.

Relative poverty measures are used as official poverty rates in several developed countries. As such these poverty statistics measure inequality rather than material deprivation or hardship. The measurements are usually based on a person's yearly income and frequently take no account of total wealth. The main poverty line used in the OECD and the European Union is based on "economic distance", a level of income set at 60% of the median household income.[37]

Other aspects

Economic aspects of poverty focus on material needs, typically including the necessities of daily living, such as food, clothing, shelter, or safe drinking water. Poverty in this sense may be understood as a condition in which a person or community is lacking in the basic needs for a minimum standard of well-being and life, particularly as a result of a persistent lack of income.

Analysis of social aspects of poverty links conditions of scarcity to aspects of the distribution of resources and power in a society and recognizes that poverty may be a function of the diminished "capability" of people to live the kinds of lives they value. The social aspects of poverty may include lack of access to information, education, health care, or political power.[38][39]

Poverty levels are snapshot picture in time that omits the transitional dynamics between levels. Mobility statistics supply additional information about the fraction who leave the poverty level. For example, one study finds that in a sixteen-year period (1975 to 1991 in the U.S.) only 5% of those in the lower fifth of the income level were still in that level, while 95% transitioned to a higher income category.[40] Poverty levels can remain the same while those who rise out of poverty are replaced by others. The transient poor and chronic poor differ in each society. In a nine-year period ending in 2005 for the U.S., 50% of the poorest quintile transitioned to a higher quintile.[41]

Poverty may also be understood as an aspect of unequal social status and inequitable social relationships, experienced as social exclusion, dependency, and diminished capacity to participate, or to develop meaningful connections with other people in society.[42][43][44] Such social exclusion can be minimized through strengthened connections with the mainstream, such as through the provision of relational care to those who are experiencing poverty.



An early morning outside the Opera Tavern in Stockholm, with a gang of beggars waiting for delivery of the scraps from the previous day. Sweden, 1868.

The World Bank's "Voices of the Poor," based on research with over 20,000 poor people in 23 countries, identifies a range of factors which poor people identify as part of poverty. These include:

- Precarious livelihoods
- Excluded locations
- Physical limitations
- Gender relationships

Characteristics

Poverty reduction

Main article: Poverty reduction

See also: Aid and Development aid

Various poverty reduction strategies are broadly categorized here based on whether they make more of the basic human needs available or increase the disposable income needed to purchase those needs. Some strategies such as building roads can both bring access to various basic needs, such as fertilizer or healthcare from urban areas, as well as increase incomes, by bringing better access to urban markets.

Increasing the supply of basic needs

Food and other goods

Agricultural technologies such as nitrogen fertilizers, pesticides and new irrigation methods have dramatically reduced food shortages in modern times by boosting yields past previous constraints.[91]

Before the Industrial Revolution, poverty had been mostly accepted as inevitable as economies produced little, making wealth scarce.[1] Geoffrey Parker wrote that "In Antwerp and Lyon, two of the largest cities in western Europe, by 1600 three-quarters of the total population were too poor to pay taxes, and therefore likely to need relief in times of crisis."[92] The initial industrial revolution led to high economic growth and eliminated mass absolute poverty in what is now considered the developed world.[1]Mass production of goods in places such as rapidly industrializing China has made what were once considered luxuries, such as vehicles and computers, inexpensive and thus accessible to many who were otherwise too poor to afford them.[93][94]

Even with new products, such as better seeds, or greater volumes of them, such as industrial production, the poor still require access to these products. Improving road and transportation infrastructure helps solve this major bottleneck. In Africa, it costs more to move fertilizer from an African seaport 60 miles inland than to ship it from the United States to Africa because of sparse, low quality roads, leading to fertilizer costs two to six times the world average.[95] Microfranchising models such as door to door businesses are used to sell basic needs to remote areas for below market prices.[96]

Health care and education



Hardwood surgical tables are commonplace in rural Nigerian clinics.

See also: Health care system and Primary education

Nations do not necessarily need wealth to gain health.[97] For example, Sri Lanka had a maternal mortality rate of 2% in the 1930s, higher than any nation today.[98] It reduced it to 0.5–0.6% in the 1950s and to .06% today while spending less each year on maternal health because it learned what worked and what did not.[98] Cheap water filters and promoting hand washing are some of the most cost effective health interventions and can cut deaths from diarrhea and

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Strategies to provide education cost effectively include deworming children, which costs about 50 cents per child per year and reduces non-attendance from anemia, illness and malnutrition, while being only a twenty-fifth as expensive as increasing school attendance by constructing schools.[101] Schoolgirl absenteeism could be cut in half by simply providing free sanitary towels.[102]

Desirable actions such as enrolling children in school or receiving vaccinations can be encouraged by a form of aid known as conditional cash transfers.[103] In Mexico, for example, dropout rates of 16- to 19-year-olds in rural area dropped by 20% and children gained half an inch in height.[104] Initial fears that the program would encourage families to stay at home rather than work to collect benefits have proven to be unfounded. Instead, there is less excuse for neglectful behavior as, for example, children stopped begging on the streets instead of going to school because it could result in suspension from the program.[104]

Removing constraints on government services

See also: Political corruption, Tax havens, Developing countries' debt, Debt relief, and Conditionality



Local citizens from the Jana bi Village wait their turn to gather goods from the Sons of Iraq (Abna al-Iraq) in a military operation conducted in Yusufiyah, Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Spc Luke Thornberry)

Government revenue can be diverted away from basic services by corruption.[105][106] Funds from aid and natural resources are often sent by government individuals for money laundering to overseas banks which insist on bank secrecy, instead of spending on the poor.[107] A Global Witness report asked for more action from Western banks as they have proved capable of stanching the flow of funds linked to terrorism.[107]

Illicit capital flight from the developing world is estimated at ten times the size of aid it receives and twice the debt service it pays.[108] About 60 per cent of illicit capital flight from Africa is from transfer mispricing, where a subsidiary in a developing nation sells to another subsidiary or shell company in a tax haven at an artificially low price to pay less tax.[109] An African Union report estimates that about 30% of sub-Saharan Africa's GDP has been moved to tax havens .[110] Solutions include corporate "country-by-country reporting" where corporations disclose activities in each country and thereby prohibit the use of tax havens where no effective economic activity occurs.[109]

Developing countries' debt service to banks and governments from richer countries can constrain government spending on the poor.[111] For example, Zambia spent 40% of its total budget to repay foreign debt, and only 7% for basic state services in 1997.[112] One of the proposed ways to help poor countries has been debt relief. Zambia began offering



A family planning placard in Ethiopia. It shows some negative effects of having too many children.

Reversing brain drain

Main articles: Reverse brain drain and Human capital flight

The loss of basic needs providers emigrating from impoverished countries has a damaging effect.[117] As of 2004, there were more Ethiopia-trained doctors living in Chicago than in Ethiopia.[118] Proposals to mitigate the problem by the World Health Organization include compulsory government service for graduates of public medical and nursing schools and creating career-advancing programs to retain personnel.[117]

Controlling overpopulation

Some argue that overpopulation and lack of access to birth control leads to population increase to exceed food production and other resources.[25][119][120]Empowering women with better education and more control of their lives makes them more successful in bringing down rapid population growth because they have more say in family planning .[121]

Increasing personal income

The following are strategies used or proposed to increase personal incomes among the poor. Raising farm incomes is described as the core of the antipoverty effort as three quarters of the poor today are farmers.[122] Estimates show that growth in the agricultural productivity of small farmers is, on average, at least twice as effective in benefiting the poorest half of a country's population as growth generated in nonagricultural sectors.[123]

Income grants



Afghan girl begging in Kabul.

Main articles: Guaranteed minimum income, Social security, and Welfare

A guaranteed minimum income ensures that every citizen will live be able to purchase a desired level of basic needs. A basic income (or negative income tax) is a system of social security, that periodically provides each citizen, rich or poor, with a sum of money that is sufficient to live on. Studies of large cash-transfer programs in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Malawi show that the programs can be effective in increasing consumption, schooling, and nutrition, whether they are tied to such conditions or not.[124][125][126] Proponents argue that a basic income is more economically efficient than a minimum wage and unemployment benefits, as the minimum wage effectively imposes a high marginal tax on

Economic freedoms

See also: Economic freedom and Red tape

In Canada, it takes two days, two registration procedures, and $280 to open a business,[142] while an entrepreneur in Bolivia must pay $2,696 in fees, wait 82 business days, and go through 20 procedures to do the same. Such costly barriers favor big firms at the expense of small enterprises, where most jobs are created.[143] Often, businesses have to bribe government officials even for routine activities, which is, in effect, a tax on business.[4] Noted reductions in poverty in recent decades has occurred in China and India mostly as a result of the abandonment of collective farming in China and the ending of the central planning model known as the License Raj in India.[144][145][146] The World Bank concludes that governments and feudal elites extending to the poor the right to the land that they live and use is 'the key to reducing poverty' citing that land rights greatly increase poor people's wealth, in some cases doubling it.[147] Although approaches varied, the World Bank said the key issues were security of tenure and ensuring land transactions costs were low.[147]

Greater access to markets brings more income to the poor. Road infrastructure has a direct impact on poverty.[148][149] Additionally, migration from poorer countries resulted in $328 billion sent from richer to poorer countries in 2010, more than double the $120 billion in official aid flows from OECD members. In 2011, India got $52 billion from its diaspora, more than it took in foreign direct investment.[150]

Financial services



Information and communication technologies for development help to fight poverty.

See also: Microfinance and Microcredit

Microloans, made famous by the Grameen Bank, is where small amounts of money are loaned to farmers or villages, mostly women, who can then obtain physical capital to increase their economic rewards. However, microlending has been criticized for making hyperprofits off the poor even from its founder, Muhammad Yunus, and in India, which has seen a growing wave of defaults and suicides.[151][152][153]

Those in poverty place overwhelming importance on having a safe place to save money, much more so than receiving loans.[154] Additionally, a large part of microfinance loans are spent not on investments but on products that would usually be paid by a checking or savings account.[154] Microsavings are designs to make savings products available for the poor, who make small deposits. Mobile banking utilizes the wide availability of mobile phones to address the problem of the heavy regulation and costly maintenance of saving accounts.[154] This usually involves a network of agents of mostly shopkeepers, instead of bank branches, would take deposits in cash and translate these onto a virtual account on customers' phones. Cash transfers can be done between phones and issued back in cash with a small commission, making remittances safer.[155]



Cultural factors to productivity

See also: Protestant work ethic

Cultural factors, such as discrimination of various kinds, can negatively affect productivity such as age discrimination, stereotyping,[156]gender discrimination, racial discrimination, and caste discrimination. Max Weber and the modernization theory suggest that cultural values could affect economic success.[157][158] However, researchers[*who?*] have gathered evidence that suggest that values are not as deeply ingrained and that changing economic opportunities explain most of the movement into and out of poverty, as opposed to shifts in values.[159]

Voluntary poverty

See also

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- The Make Poverty History campaign

Poor People's Campaign



Demonstrators in the Poor People's March at Lafayette Park and Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C. (June 1968)

The **Poor People's Campaign** was a 1968 effort to gain economic justice for poor people in the United States. It was organized by Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and carried out in the wake of King's assassination.

The Campaign demanded economic and human rights for poor Blacks, Chicanos, Native Americans, and Whites. After presenting an organized set of demands to Congress and executive agencies, participants set up a 3000-person tent city on the Washington Mall, where they stayed for six weeks.

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Off the top of your head, how many of your friends can you think of make less than $11,000 a year? Maybe they work some mind-numbing part-time job, taking cover charges and stamping hands at a strip club. Or if you're a bit older, how many families do you know of who have one person working, bringing in less than $23,000 to support a spouse and a couple of kids? There's nothing wrong with either of those things ... but those numbers are the poverty threshold in the U.S., and in my area of the country, it encompasses a fudging poopload of people (sorry, I'm trying to cut down on my cursing).

Poverty is a hot topic for politicians, but it seems like every time they open their mouths about the subject, stupid falls out. There's a huge part of me that wants to grab them by their orphan skin lapels and scream reason into their preciously oblivious brains, but the logical side of me knows it won't matter. There are some things they will just never understand. Things like ...

#4. Poor Does Not Equal Unemployed



Not long ago, Newt Gingrich had his famous "janitor" idea, where he proposed that we pay impoverished students to clean up vomit and strewn feces part time at their schools. It sprung up a lot of debate, which I had little to no interest in beyond this key phrase: "Really poor children in really poor neighborhoods have no habits of working and have nobody around them who works. [...] They have no habit of 'I do this and you give me cash,' unless it's illegal." Not to be out-douched, Mitt Romney's now famous video hit the 'net, showing him calling 47 percent of the country "entitled" and saying that they believe they're victims and they want the government to hand them everything:



I realize these are both republicans, but that's actually not my point here. This isn't about philosophy, it's about pure numbers: A big ol' chunk of people living below the poverty line actually work. About 10.5 million of them, in fact, or a third of the people living in poverty. Of the households below the poverty line, 84 percent have somebody in the house who is working. So that whole bit about how these kids have no concept of what work is? That's a bunch of, uh, horse pucky. Two-thirds of poo

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Mother Teresa

Love, Money, God

A calling is you feel - you look out and see the need - maybe it's the need for the poor, to help poor people. Maybe it's the need to get involved in the race problem, as Martin Luther King was - felt called.
Billy Graham

Help, Problem, Poor

Poor people cannot rely on the government to come to help you in times of need. You have to get your education. Then nobody can control your destiny.
Charles Barkley

Education, Government, Help

You know the funny thing, I don't get along with rich people. I get along with the middle class and the poor people better than I get along with the rich people.
Donald Trump

Funny, Rich, Poor

Of the 22 industrialized nations

If you're in trouble, or hurt or need - go to the poor people. They're the only ones that'll help - the only ones.
John Steinbeck

Hurt, Help, Poor

There are two types of poor people, those who are poor together and those who are poor alone. The first are the true poor, the others are rich people out of luck.
Jean-Paul Sartre

Alone, True, Together

When rich people fight wars with one another, poor people are the ones to die.
Jean-Paul Sartre

Fight, Die, Rich

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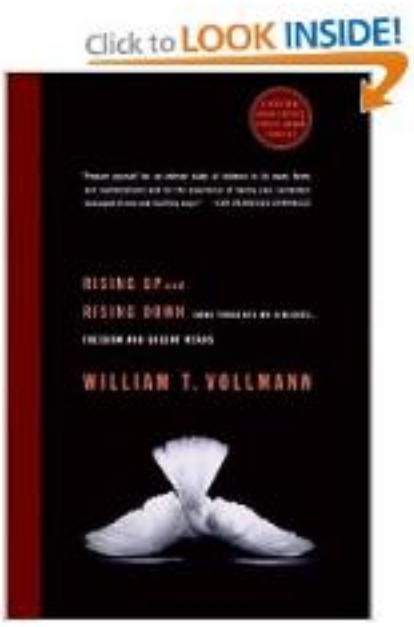
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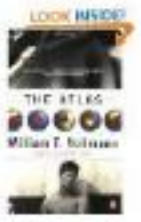
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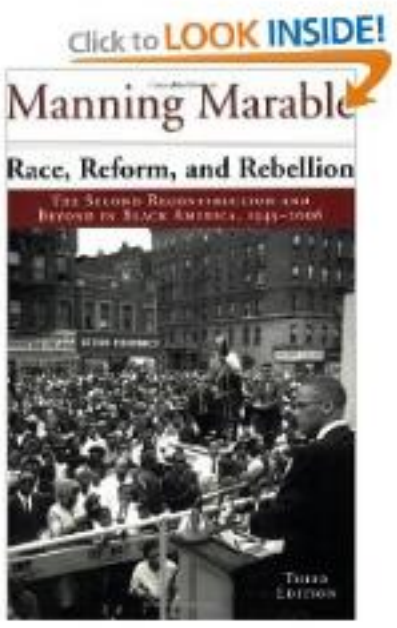
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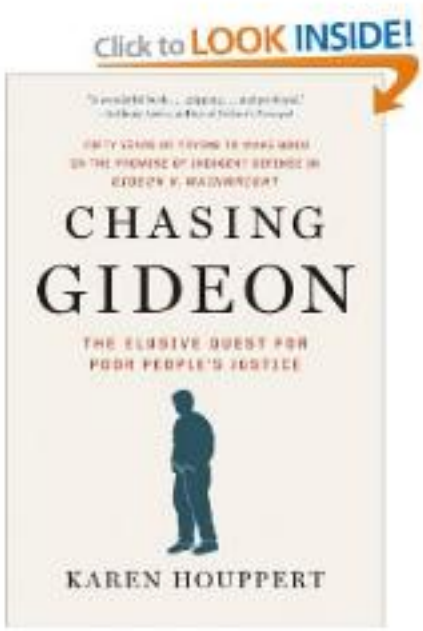
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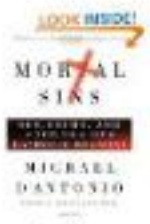
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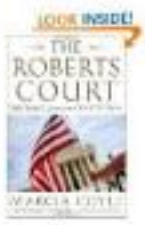
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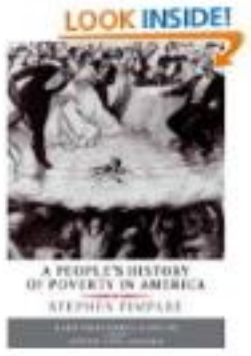
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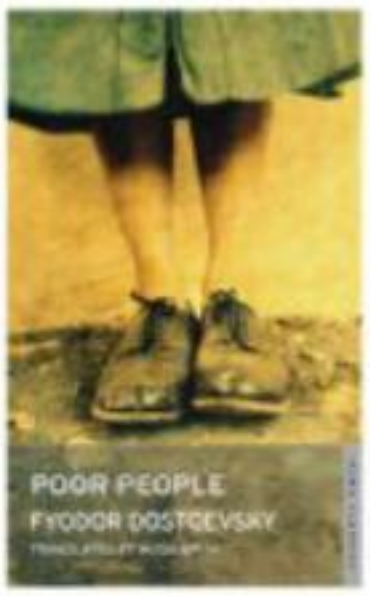
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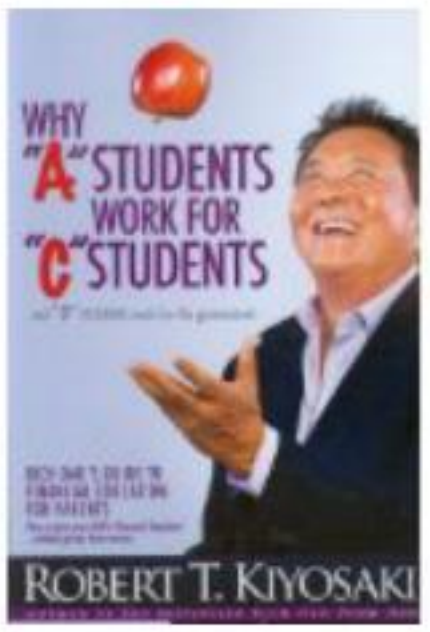
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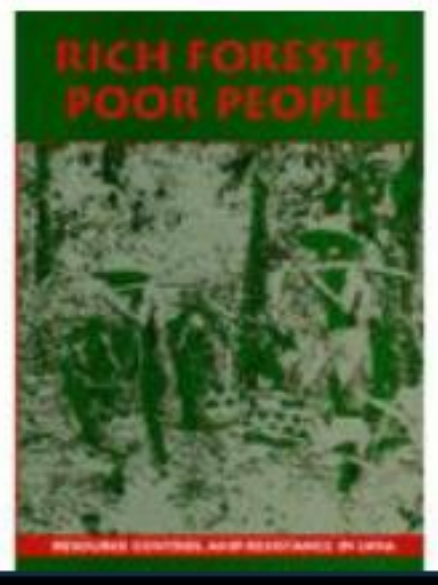
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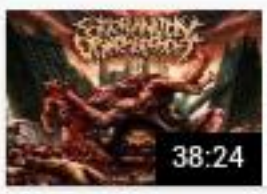
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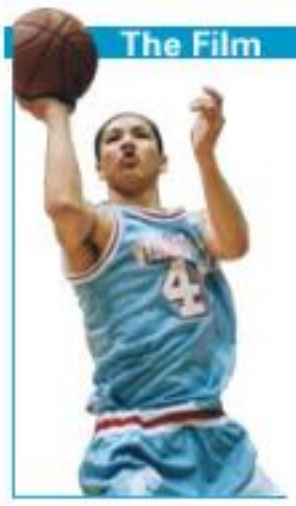
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— Tribal Elder

Every November for the last 18 years, Al Redman has unlocked the cage for Wyoming Indian High School's first day of boys' basketball practice. And every year so far, he's found a way to win. The silver-haired Redman has chalked up an impressive record as head coach of the powerhouse Chiefs, including five state championships and a record 50-game winning streak. But it has been eight years since the Chiefs have won a state title, a long time for a team that is the focal point for the community of Wind River, Wyoming.

For senior Beaver C'Bearing, who grew up dreaming of state victory, this year is his last chance. In time, Beaver and his teammates will be part of the audience, and will have to reconsider their priorities, but for the moment, the question is, what will happen during his senior year?

Wind River Indian Reservation (where the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone were confined by the U.S. government on 3,500 square miles of central Wyoming) is hardly an environment conducive to success. Poverty, alcoholism, racism and youth suicide are just a few of the challenges the cultures face. But despite all of this - or perhaps because of it - basketball is played on the rez and played very well.



Native American Athletics

Even though American Indians have excelled in high school sports, they are less recognized in athletics that most other ethnic groups in the United States. Some stats to consider:

- Only 310 American Indians were among the 70,856 college athletes in Division I who received athletic aid in the 1988-99 school year.
- While American Indians make up about one percent of the country's population, they account for only four-tenths of a percent of the scholarship athletes at the major college level.
- According to the NCAA, the estimated probability of men's high school basketball players who make it to the professional level is .003 percent.

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Hoop Dreams

Why are the Chiefs so good? Because they grow up playing together from the time they can walk? Because they come from a warrior tradition? Because they are naturally gifted athletes? Because they play for a school built as an alternative to the non-Indian schools they compete against? Because they attend sweat lodges and observe other tribal traditions together? The film CHIEFS explores the complex factors that contribute to playing an incredible game of basketball.

Success on the court has not always carried over into other arenas, such as higher education and employment. Over the two years captured in the film, however, there are signs that this legacy might be broken, with role models like Assistant Coach Owen St. Clair returning to the community to help out after obtaining his college degree.

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Through triumph and heartbreak, CHIEFS shows the whole reservation, from babies to grandmas, coming out to support the team, especially at the state tournament, where as many as 3,000 show up to cheer them on. "Last one on the rez, turn off the lights," has become the slogan at the state championships every March.

Growing up without a father, Beaver C'Bearing turned to his friends and to basketball. Once his career as a Chief ends, though, Beaver finds himself rudderless - caught in the quandary of his friends and so many young Native Americans. It's a scenario Tim Robinson and his classmates want to avoid. They vow to dedicate themselves, both on the court and off, to make their tribe, their families and themselves proud.

It is a truism that basketball tends to thrive in the direst of circumstances. More than escapism, it provides youth with a sense of belonging and camaraderie, a means of achieving some sort of victory, an opportunity to explore life off the rez. In CHIEFS, we see a group of young men trying to convert the pride and success they experience on the basketball court and move ahead



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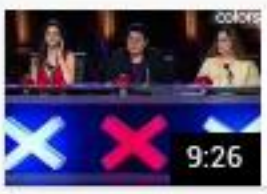

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The Film

"Every single clothing factory in Zambia went out of business; we do not have a clothing industry left in the country because the secondhand clothes are coming in."

–Mark O'Donnell, spokesman,
Zambian Manufacturers Association





When filmmaker Shantha Bloemen was stationed in a remote village in Zambia as a worker with an international aid organization, she had to adjust to living in a different culture. She learned to cook "mealie meal," the local staple, and carry water on her head from the river—located over a mile from her home. But one thing struck her as oddly familiar: almost everyone in the village wore secondhand clothing from the West, from the village elder decked out in a Chanel knockoff jacket to women in AC/DC T-shirts to children sporting Adidas sneakers. Bloemen began to imagine stories about the people who used to wear the clothing, wondering if the original owners had any idea that the castoffs they had given to charities ended up being sold to Africans half a world away.

What began as an amusement, however, began to take on more serious overtones as Bloemen learned of the consequences of the secondhand clothing trade. She noticed more and more Zambians in the markets—teachers, nurses and civil servants who, having lost their jobs, turned to selling secondhand clothes. How, Bloemen wondered, did all of these Africans end up selling used clothing?" And where did all the T-shirts, jackets, hats and skirts come from? She decided to follow the trail of the secondhand clothes.

In **T-SHIRT TRAVELS**, Bloemen first travels to the Jersey shore, where she interviews Americans who donate their goods to various charities but have little idea that their former wardrobes end up in Africa. She talks to export agent Barney Lehrer from Brooklyn, who tells her that the Salvation Army doesn't even unpack most of the donated clothing but sells it to companies for export to third-world countries.



Strapped and packed in bales like hay, the companies who export the goods sell them to commercial dealers in Africa, who mark up the bales of clothing a whopping three to four hundred percent. These dealers in turn sell to Africans like Luka Mafo, a 19-year-old Zambian who sells secondhand clothing to support his mother, brothers, sisters and cousins, hoping he can help them to stay in school and graduate.



But Bloemen still wondered: Was it always this way? What happened to all of the Zambian clothing manufacturers? Mark O'Donnell, spokesperson for Zambian Manufacturers, explains that in 1991, when the country's markets were opened to free trade, container load after container load of used clothing began to arrive in Zambia, undercutting the cost of the domestic manufacturers and putting them out of business. The skills, the infrastructure and the capital of an entire industry are now virtually extinct, with not a single clothing manufacturer left in the country today.

Many Zambians feel that the stringent economic policies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, or the IMF, are to blame for their country's insurmountable debt. Sophi Phiri, a corporate investment banker, says: "We don't have a political colonialism in Zambia, we have an economic colonialism. "If they [the World Bank] can control the shots that far then are we an independent state?"

"What hope do Africa's creditors have of ever recouping their loans if Africa's workforce is hungry and sick and uneducated?" Bloemen asks. "If we continue to bend the economic lives of poorer nations to suit our purposes and only make things worse in the process, whom will be left to make good on the debt? Do we want to live in a world where one sixth of the population has no chance to even see their children grow up healthy?" The end of the film, having followed the T-shirts on their travels, leaves Bloemen with more questions than ever before.

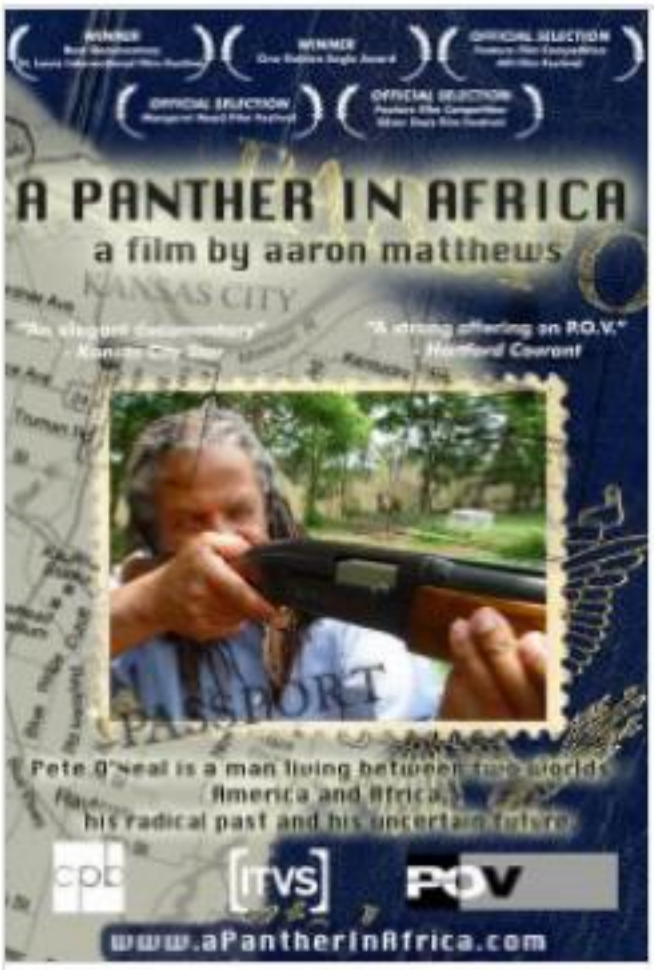
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The film ends in 2001. In February 2004, filmmaker Shantha Bloemen reported:

"Luka is doing well and may even be getting married sometime this year. Anna Backer, the film's director of photography, and other viewers have helped to support the family. At the moment, the family is working on finishing a house they have build with brick and glass windows. It has taken a couple of years, but they have used the support we have sent to build as well as ensure that the kids stay in school. The sad news is that Maureen, Luka's younger sister who appears in the documentary, tragically died in 2002. I am still not completely sure about the circumstances surrounding her death. On a more positive note though, Chiwesa, Luka's brother is planning to complete his high school diploma next year."

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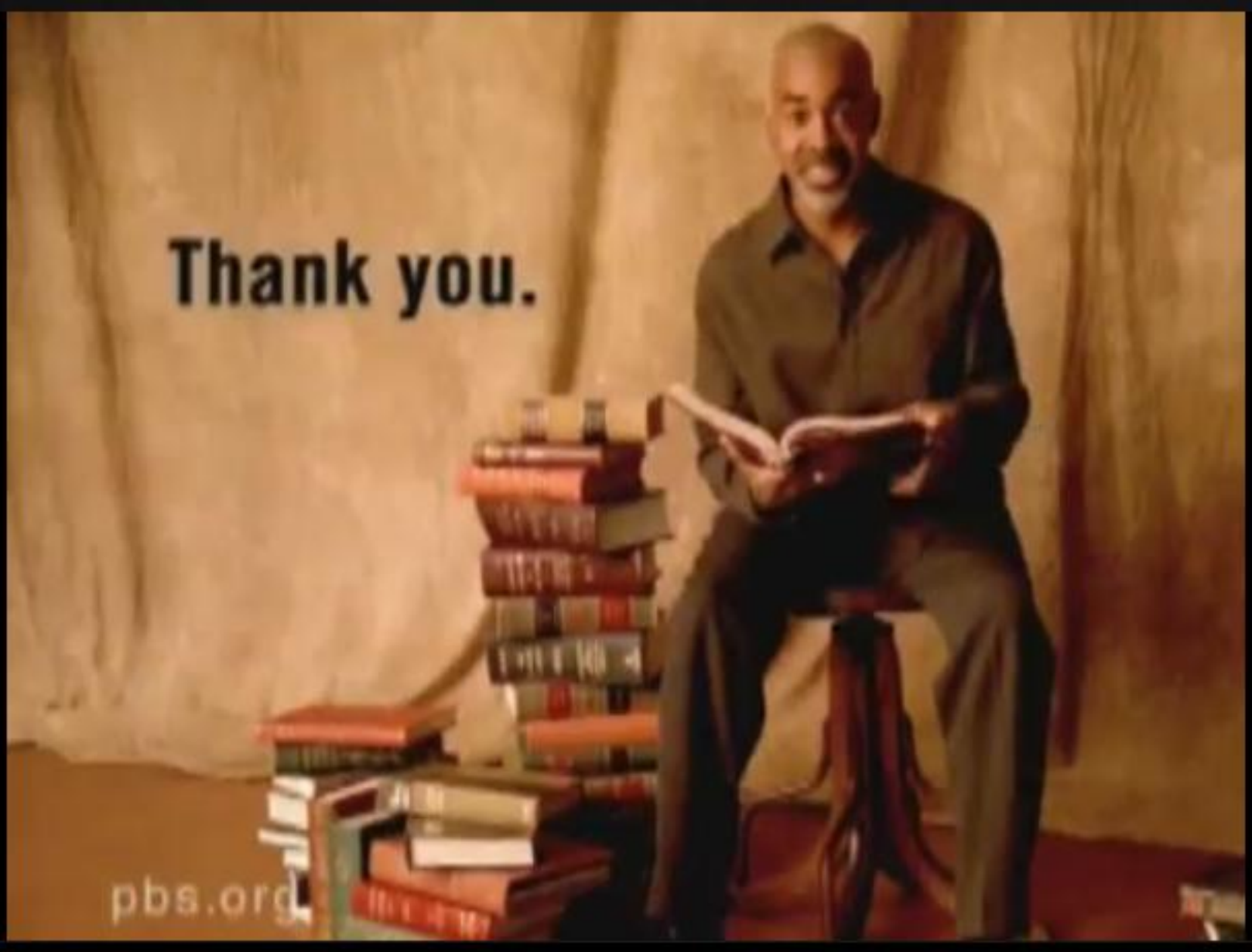


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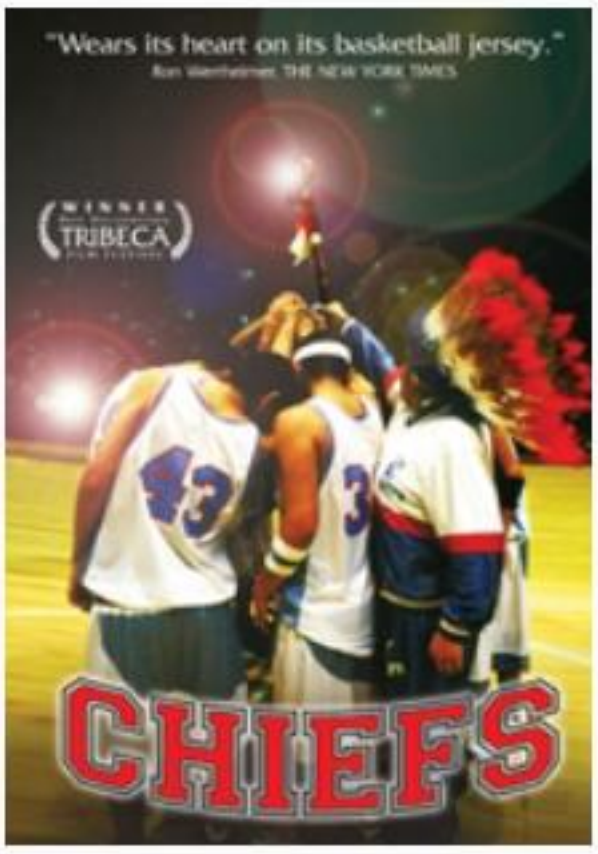
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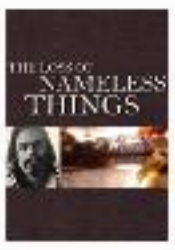
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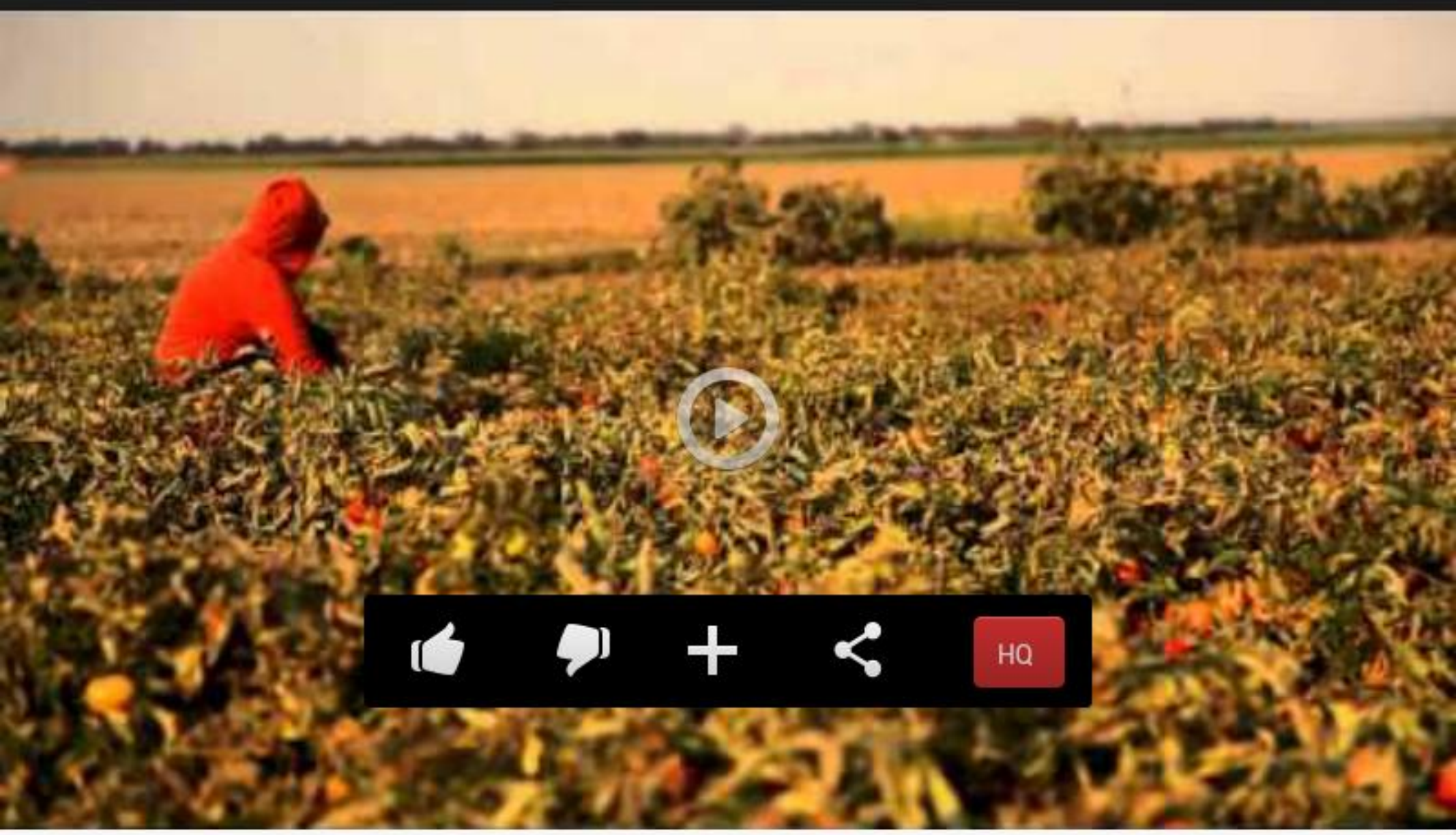
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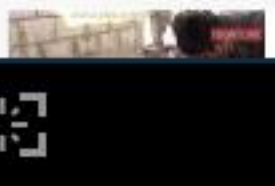

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The Poor



"You will always have the poor among you..."

Matthew 26:11

We hear a lot about the poor these days. It is often mentioned in our political discourse. The Bible talks about the poor many different times - over 300 to be exact. The Bible also exhorts us to be concerned about the amelioration of the poor.

So what is poor? Do poor really exist in our country? Many say no. Compared to the world, we have people who are inconvenienced, not poor. For example, as of 2008 the World Bank estimated there were 1.345 billion poor people in developing countries who live on $1.25 a day or less. That is less than $500/year. In 2012, the poverty level in the United States for a family of four is slightly over $23,000/year.

First a bit of personal perspective. I have never lived in an area of abject poverty, but I came close. When I was stationed in the Ryukyu Islands in 1970, the average income of the indigent people was roughly $500 (US) per year. Many of the people lived in huts or small one bedroom homes. No plumbing, no electricity, no heat. The bathrooms the people used were open "benjo ditches". A "benjo ditch" is an primitive solution for the toilet. It is little more than a ditch in which you deposit your waste. These flowed down the street, like a gutter, with an odor like none other. As far as food is concerned, what you could grow by your hut or catch in the ocean was what you ate. There were modest markets where locals who were fortunate enough to work for the United States military were able to trade.

Yet as bad as things were in 1970 on the Ryukyu Islands, they were good compared to large parts of the world today. Three billion people, almost half the people in the world, live to survive day to day. Just like in the animal kingdom where animals spend most of the day foraging for food, many of the world's ultra poor people are consumed with daily survival. According to UNICEF, in Africa alone, over 15,000 children die every day from starvation or malnutrition. That is a mind numbing statistic. In our country, we have people who are hungry, some even malnourished. However, if someone actually starved to death from not being able to obtain food, it would be front page news from coast to coast.

I have often thought the poor in our country have a distribution problem more so than a resource problem. If you live in a land where there is basically nothing, the best distribution system will be of no help. However in America, we have resources abundant. In fact, we produce so much food, we not only feed our people, but we are able to give over two million tons of food to world wide charities every year.

It is often said the poorest person in America would be well off on the world stage. Just by looking at the statistics alone, I believe that to have merit. What we can do is help ourselves so that we may be able to help others. In a epidemic the first to get vaccinated are the health providers. They can only help others if they are healthy. We need to be healthy, financially healthy, so we can continue to help those who have nothing. Many who have nothing often watch their children live a shortened and painful life due to the ravages of hunger and starvation.

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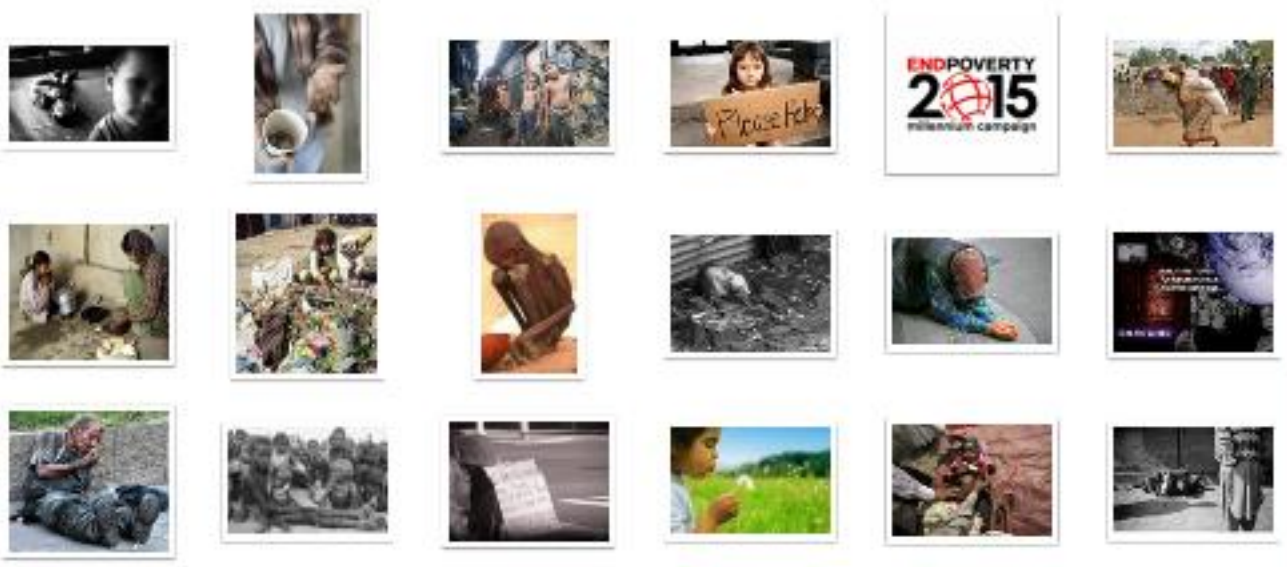
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One family sent a daughter to school, only to find out that she had been captured and sent to work in a brothel. Only five of the nine families managed to send a child to school, and two of those were sponsored by the missionary.

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Holly Keur, originally from the United States, is currently serving with OM partner organization AIDSLink International in South Africa with her husband, Nigel.

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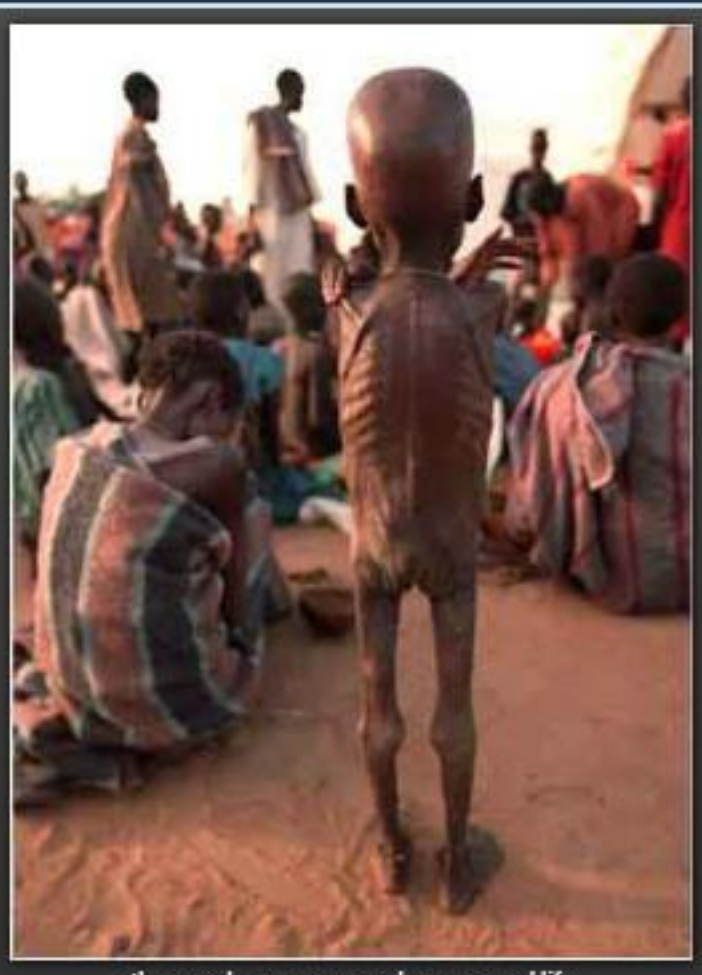
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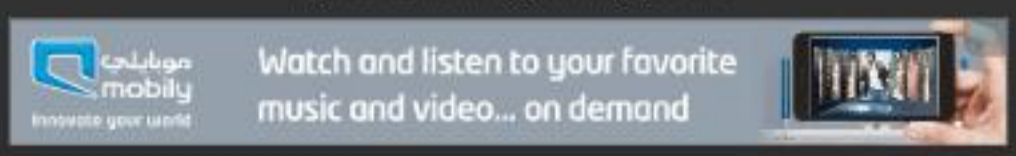


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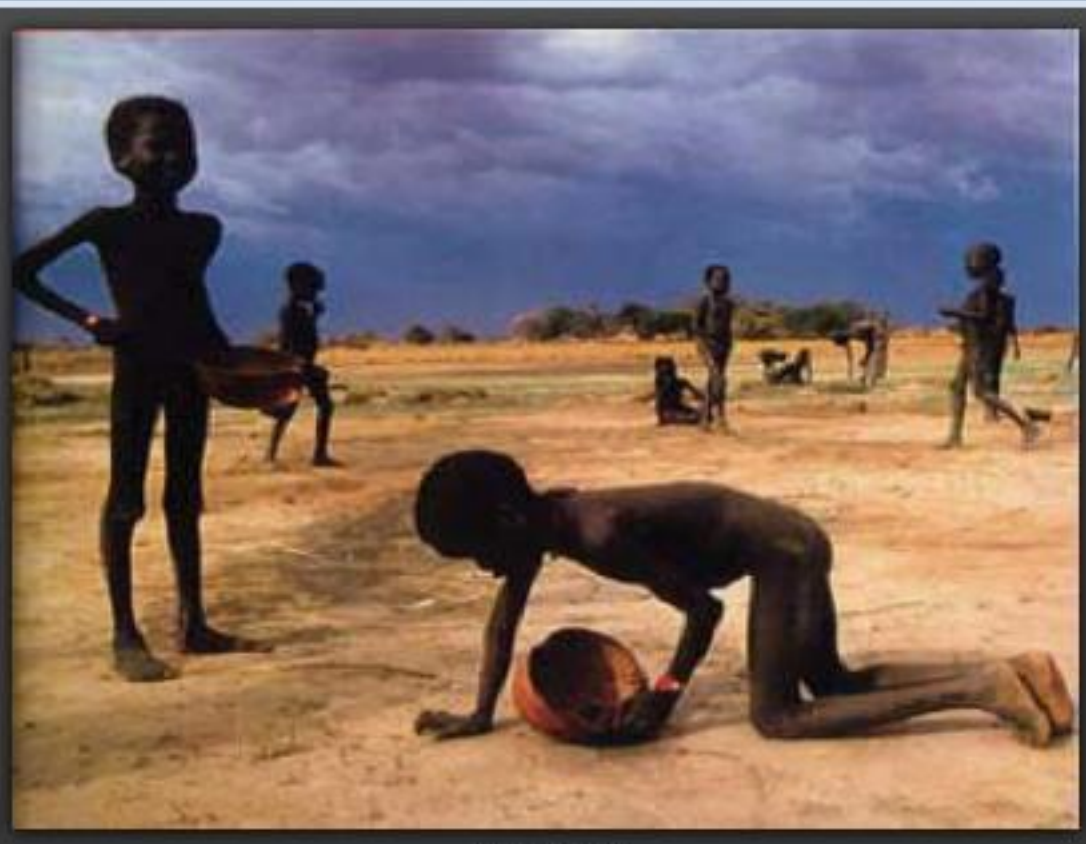
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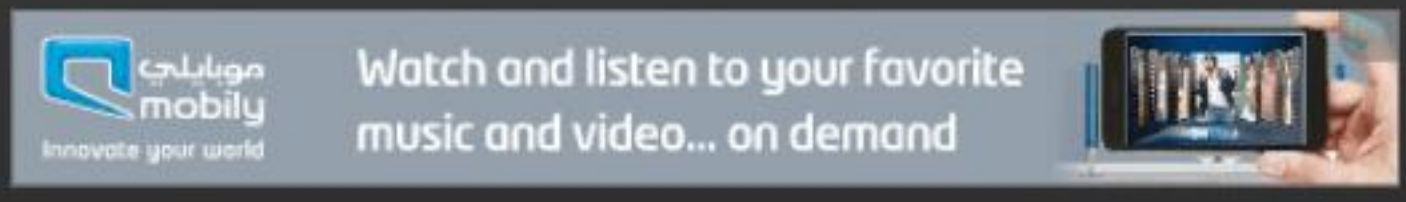




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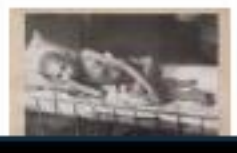
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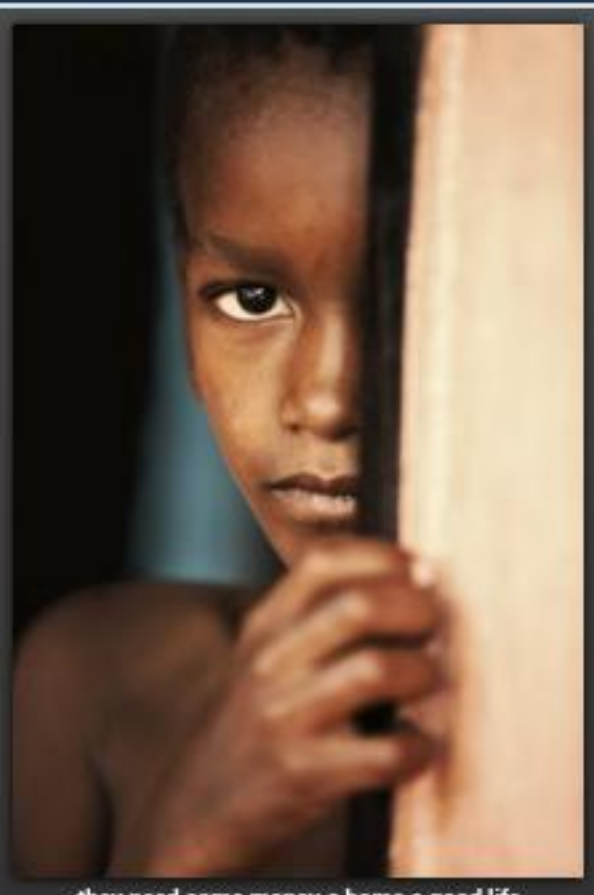
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There's a common refrain from people who don't think about these things the same way I do. It's something like this: "Why would you travel all that way just to look at poor people?"

On the face of it, it's not a bad question. Why would you? Why would you leave a place like Australia that's perfectly safe and well-off for a country like India, where there's poverty on a mass scale shoved in your face, sometimes literally?

Why tour through impoverished towns in Laos when you could be sitting on a beach somewhere in Hawaii? Why stay in some rundown hole in Bolivia when you could be living it up in Switzerland?

For this post, I'm going to ignore the argument of attractions. Let's forget, for a second, things like the Taj Mahal and Luang Prabang and the Andes and think about why so many people from rich countries think it's OK to go live like a king in a poor country and call it a holiday.

Because doesn't it get you down? Or at least make you feel guilty? Swanning around with fistfuls of the laughable local currency, dining at the best restaurants and leaving half your food, haggling market sellers out of a few measly cents, drinking cheap booze like it's Mad Monday, roaring around in tuk-tuks that you've paid to have a race?

Most travellers would have to sit back at some point and wonder whether all of this is all right, whether this is really tourism or exploitation, whether we're welcome guests here or just a necessary evil.

Me, I like travelling through developing countries, or countries that are worse off than Australia (which, face it, there's a fair few of). It's not because it makes me feel like a king or because I can finally afford to stay in a nice room – it's not even because I get some sort of swelling of satisfaction at helping out the impoverished locals with my mighty Aussie dollar.

I like travelling to those countries because they're different, and that's the appeal of travel for me: seeing something different. Interacting with people who are different.

Give me a street market in China any day over its equivalent in England, or the US. You see things there that you'll never forget.

So you also see poverty. You get a close-up view. Some would argue, however, that what you're actually seeing is reality. (I

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RH bill underestimates poor people's abilities, say critics

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MANILA, Feb. 21, 2012–While proponents of the Reproductive Health (RH) bill insist that access to free birth control is what the country's poor people need to improve their lot, the measure actually shows a low regard for the poor, say those who reject the bill.

Notwithstanding a recent statement made by a feminist group admitting that the bill is neither pro-poor nor pro-women, more and more Filipinos are opposing the bill, having realized that RH legislation actually discriminates against the poor by shifting the burden of addressing the citizens' concerns from the government to the people, and by keeping the number of poor people to a minimum not by providing opportunities for advancement but by conditioning the poor to think that their poverty makes them undeserving and incapable of raising children beyond a certain number.

"Why waste money on something that is counter-productive when we should focus on using the budget on what is so obviously needed? The masses need quality education, jobs (particularly jobs that are spread out throughout the country and not just in Manila), and basic needs. The laws we already have on family health need to be enforced before we even try introducing new methods. The government desperately needs to upgrade medical facilities that are accessible to the poor. They need to improve the standards of living for the masses, not prevent them from being born!" said CJ Manzano, a photographer.

The RH bill, whose Senate and House versions are still the subject of interpellations, proposes the earmarking of P3 billion per year for the its implementation. Sen. Pia Cayetano, however, revealed during floor debates last year that the Department of Health (DoH) has asked for **P13.7 billion** for the bill's implementation for 2012 alone.

Though no breakdown has been provided by the bill's sponsors, a huge chunk of the budget is expected to be poured into the procurement, promotion and distribution of birth control drugs and devices — which includes keeping them in steady supply in public health centers nationwide to make them accessible to the poor.

RH bill treats poor as merely lustful beings

"P*arang napakahilig lang talaga sa* sex *ng mga mahihirap — ganoon ang* treatment *ng* RH Bill *sa* poor. *Kasi parang sinasabi ng mga* proponents, *kaya mahirap ang* poor *kasi marami sila, at marami sila dahil mahilig sila sa* sex. *Kaya para maiwasan ang pagdami nila ay hindi dapat sila manganak, kaya* contraception dapat (It's like the poor are nothing but sex-fixated — that's the way the RH bill is treating the poor. The proponents seem to be saying that the poor are impoverished because they are many, and that they are many because they are always having sex. So to avoid swelling their numbers, poor women shouldn't give birth — hence, they should contracept)," observed Jose Descallar, Buhay Party List staff.

He pointed out that everybody — schooled or not — is capable of practising self-mastery and understanding matters such as dignity, sobriety, the nature of sexuality.

Global development

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What do poor people want?

To get 'value for money' on aid, we need to find out what poor people value and what results they might want to see



A slum in the heart of Manila. If development means trying to improve people's lives, then their definitions of what the problem is and how to fix it should be a starting point. Photograph: Jay Directo/AFP/Getty Images

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What do poor people want? It's a stupid question, because of course "poor people" aren't a single homogenous group and everyone wants something different. But it's also the only question that should matter. If what we are doing in development is trying to improve poor people's lives, then their own definitions of what the problem is and how to fix it should be the starting point for what happens.

So what do poor people want? Thanks to some very big studies, such as the World Bank's Voices of the Poor, which involved 60,000 people in 60 countries, we have a pretty good idea. There's a long list. But near the top in most countries is a desire for a job, better connections to the rest of the world, a reduced threat of violence, and an end to the regular daily humiliations and disrespect that are too





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What is this non - sense and hypocrisy that the such KHOKLE LOG (empty and false people of the society, who is found everywhere here and there in the shape of THAKEDAR MEANS THE MASTERS OF TEMPLES OR OTHER DECEPTIVE CHARITABLE WORKS JUST TO REVOLVE THEIR BLACK MONEY IN THE SUCH PETTY SOCIAL - WORK WITH A VIEW AND SET AIM - TO DODGE THE OFFICIALS OF THE INCOME - TAX DEPARTMENT BY SHOWING THE SUCH DECEPTIVE EXPENDITURE WITH THE HELP OF HIRED OR PAID CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT , MUCH AND MORE THAN THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE) would bestow upon the deities the millions of rupees in the form of CHADAWA or GUPT DAAN(douceur or secret donation) just to come in the good books of the management of the temple or media and to appease the such unforeseen GOD . In fact , the financial - help, which could have brought the smile on the gloomy face and withered eyes of the needy person just by providing him or her the needful timely- help to overcome the acute suffering , is shifted to the wrong track owing to the superfine - mind of the such wealthy person ! Here, it would not be impertinent to disclose the true story of a highly rich man (a film - star of the past years) whose servant (an old man) is serving him since last 20 to 25 years, is being paid by the such film star with a sum of 2500 per month in a New Delhi based flat located in the hi - fi area near India Gate. It is interesting to shed light upon the topic in hand that the such film star never provided him the due and adequate financial - help either in the marriage of the daughter of that old man or in the medical treatment of his son , suffering from the acute pain of DAMA or Asthma . The such film star must spend several thousands of rupees per month on variety of wines and other worldly materialistic things but such soul descended on this earth in the shape of competent and capable human being would certainly not take interest in removing the tension - and pain ridden family of that servant . This is the true but bitter one side of the glittering coin. On the other side of the coin , our democratic govt. whether it is Central Government or the State Government , in the shape of the representatives of the people rule the nation under the welfare - spirit of the Constitution of India. Whereas our holy and public - spirited Constitution of India through its Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of the State categorically uphold with guarantee to defend and secure the interests of the citizens and provide the people all help either in the form of destitute or unemployment condition. So, on the serious issue of ceaseless suicide cases owing to the non - payment of loans , received by the such unfortunate persons for just to make themselves self - reliant by setting up some ploy or enterprise ,hence he can subsist along with his dependent family (wife and children). But, some time due to their ill - star or bad fortune, the ploy or the source of income does not flourish or thrive as expected by such loan - takers. This leads the debtor and his whole dependent family in a gloom and pathetic condition. The callous attitude of the moneylender or the bank in harassing and terrorizing the loan - taker by this way or that way on one side and the acute careworn condition of the debtor just to bear the other necessary expenditure of the daily - routine household commodities just to save the family from the fire of starvation along with the unendurable sarcastic - remarks of the neighbors or kith and kin , who would hear and see the such life - story as the silent - spectators with an internal enjoyment ,as if the wheel of time and fortune would not turn against them whenever they would come on this earth in the shape of human being . So, VOICE OF INDIA in its fight for right is trying its best out of its scanty or lack of sound - fund to save the priceless lives of those unfortunate people, who ultimately take decision to kiss the gallows rather than to face inhuman taunts and swinging fear of prison on the part of govt. in the non - payment of such loan with interest. VOI dream a solid and merciful solution of this acute issue hence in the stage of non - payment of such loan , the State may act as a saviour or redeemer or guardian under the Welfare Spirit of the constitution and on the model of Prime Minister's Relief Fund , in all the districts of every state(28 States) , the JEEVAN - RAKSHAK KOSH(Life - saving fund) should be set up under the sharp vigilance of District Magistrate/ Collector to help such afflicted family ,who is at the verge of starvation or suicidal - death in the condition of either no way of source of income or in the case of non - payment of loan . When the persons in power can remit the millions and billions of loans of the farmers just to win their hearts under a political - gimmick to win the imminent election and the senseless spendthrift in the shape of several millions of rupees under different guises can be performed by the politicians in power just to satiate their ostentatious life - style at the cost of poor public - purse in this land of Mahatma Gandhi and Vivekananda then why the such sufficient and solid fund can't be set up in all the districts of the 28 States and 7 Union Territories of India. If we read our Indian History with our open eyes and attentive mind then we would find that even PUNYA SHALAYEN and KHAIRAT GHAR were in existence in the ancient and medieval period like in the period of great Gupta period (Samudragupta , Chadragupta - ii , HarshVardhan and Firoj Shah Tuglaq , Sher Shah Suri etc.). In fact ,

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In a parallel development, the Supreme Court, in March, asked the government to explain lack of universality while counting the poor (schemes or subsidies are not available to all the poor, only to BPL cardholders) and the justification for the Planning Commission's cap on the number of BPL families a state can have.

The cap is based on the assessment of the National Sample Survey Organisation that estimates the number of poor in the country.

The Apex Court also suggested states could proceed with BPL survey without waiting for guidelines from the Centre. MORD has time till April 19 to reply.

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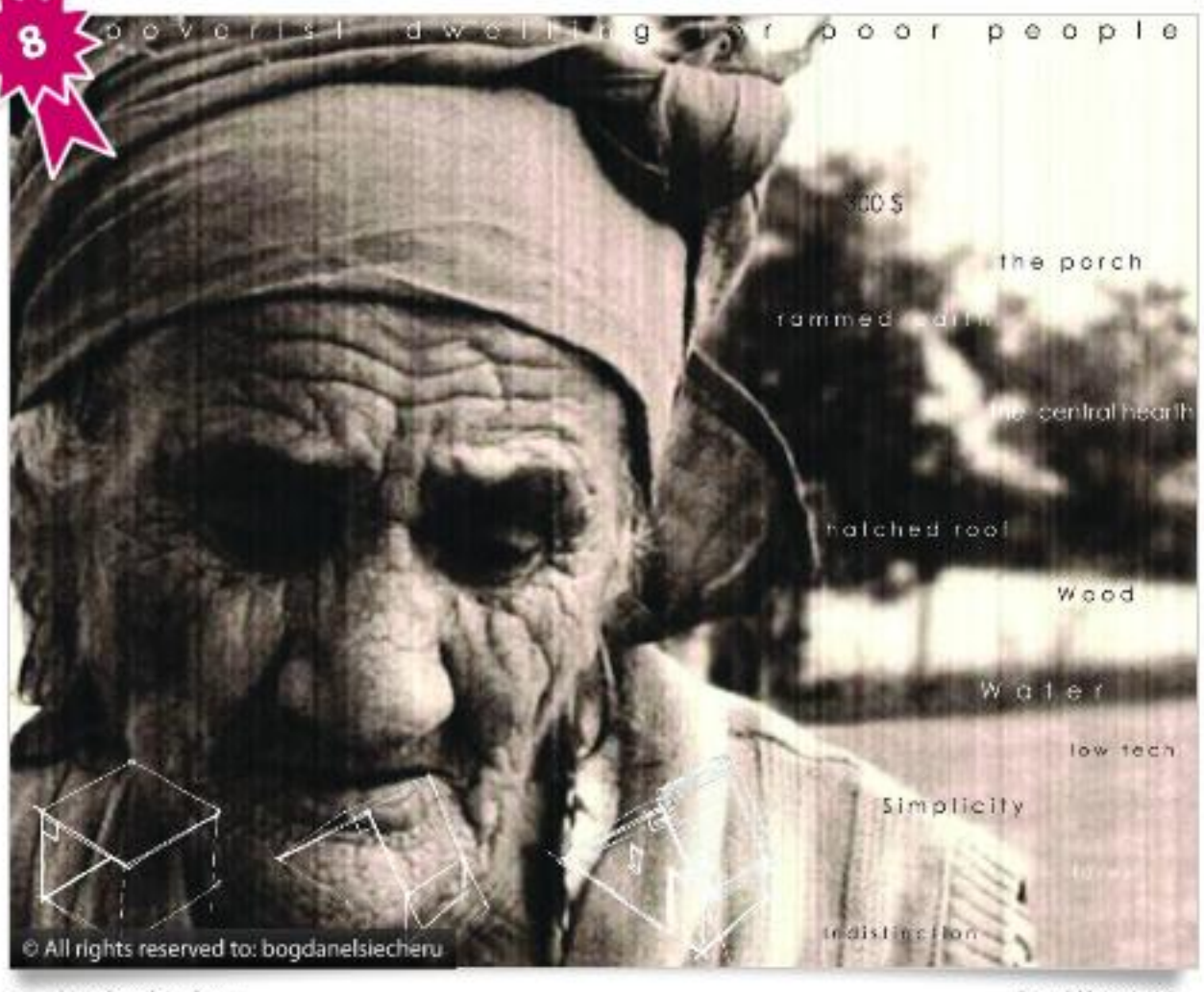
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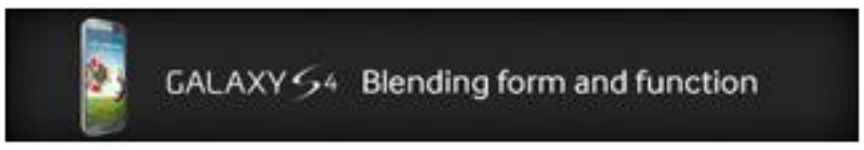
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Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.

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Poor people want to be poor, they say. Really?

The failure of so many people to empathise with the reality of life for poor people is a major barrier to poverty reduction



ATD volunteers build long-term relationships with the poorest people in the world such as those living under a bridge in Manila in the Philippines. Photograph: Noel Celis/AFP/Getty Images

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Speaking at a business meeting recently, I was reminded of a deep-seated instinct common among the elite, political and educated classes that continues to prevent many countries from addressing historic inequalities and progressing on poverty reduction: that it is the poor's own fault that they are poor.

I have lost count of the number of well-educated, well-off people I have spoken to who seem to believe that poor people somehow "want to be poor" or are simply too dim to escape from poverty.

The banana-businesswoman's view that "poor people suffer from a culture of poverty". The ex-beauty queen who told me that she had once begged at a traffic light as part of her studies and had come to the conclusion that it was an easy way

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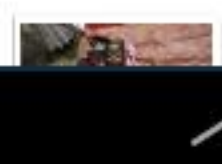












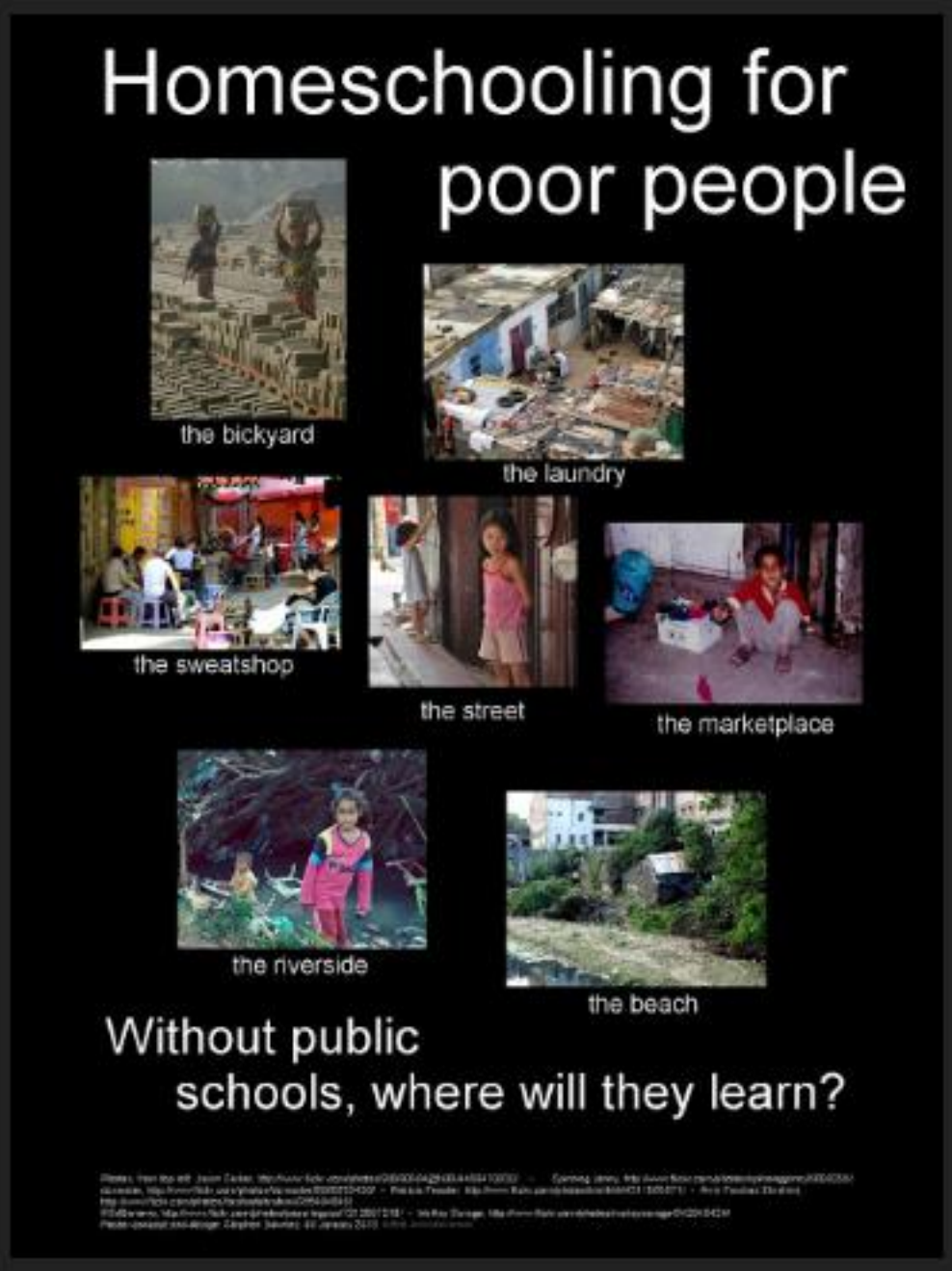



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India, Katrina, and the Bailout: How Poor People Everywhere Are Being Neglected

Posted in **poverty** by allisonkilkenny on December 3, 2008

Written beside the American creed of hating terrorists and loving the Irish and Italians should be the footnote *and we ignore poor people.* Poor people always get the shit end of every deal usually because they can't get the attention of politicians or pundits, and because of this the poor people in New Orleans and India have a lot in common.



The slums of Delhi

India has more than 100,000 millionaires, and is creating new ones at a rate rivalled only be Russia. Meanwhile, nearly half of Mumbai's 14-18 million residents live in slums. In the United States, poor people suffer under a specialized caste system that masquerades as a functioning democracy. In the good ole' US of A, the top 10 percent, roughly those earning more than $100,000, reached a level of income share not seen since before the Depression.

Yet, in the 2008 election, neither major candidate uttered the word "poor" in the thousands of hours clocked speaking into cameras. But the sickness of ignoring the poor goes beyond John McCain and Barack Obama. The United States government and the corporate media systematically ignore the suffering of the poor, too.

Whether observing FEMA's shameful handling of post-Katrina New Orleans or the situation in India, it's pretty clear that governments and corporate media only care about disasters if they involve rich, affluent people. If poor people are drowning, the government takes weeks to throw them rafts. If their slums wallow in poverty and violence for years, the cameras only arrive when terrorists bomb a luxury hotel in Mumbai.

Meanwhile, the United States Treasury department takes poor people's tax dollars and funnels them into Wall Street corporations that are tanking because of their own failed policies. Nevermind that millions of poor people may now lose their homes. Nevermind that America's infratructure is crumbling and its schools continue to deteriorate, including the schools in Olmsted Falls, which facetiously asked for $100 billion in bailout money. The superintendent, Todd Hoadley, said the bailout would "repay the district's cost of meeting federal mandates under the federal No Child Left Behind law, such as testing, tutoring and remediation."

That sounds pretty reasonable, but unfortunately Hoadley isn't a billionaire CEO so he's out of luck. Most of the world shares this crappy deal. Almost half the world (around three billion people) live on less than $2.50 a day. Eighty percent lives on less than $10 a day. Worse, another eighty percent live in countries where the wealth disparity is widening, and that includes America.

We all know that poverty is a really big issue, but what people don't always understand is that being poor makes individuals invisible. Money buys access to more than shelter and food. Money buys media attention.

The recent attack in Mumbai is a good example of this. India has been attacked many times over the past decade, but the media blitz only arrived when rich people became the victims of terrorists. Vijay Prashad, Chair of South Asian History and Director of International Studies at Trinity College, commented on *Democracy Now.*

> *The media had not really called any of the other attacks in Mumbai, and there have been many since 1992, 9/11, precisely because most of those attacks the have taken place in areas which afflicted the working poor, working-class, and middle-class people. This attack, for the first time, targeted places*

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Even as the overall population of the world continues to increase, the increase in the number of poor people outstrips that growth. How is this possible? Are the poor simply breeding like rabbits, increasing their numbers geometrically in a suicidal, lemming-like production line of poverty-stricken people? Or are they getting some outside aid in their catastrophic endeavor?



In just the past 50 years, the Rich People of the "First", or Western World have invested heavily, through their banks, industries and other corporations, in the poorest regions of the "Third" World in Africa, Asia and Latin America, home to the majority of the world's poor. Transnational corporations are attracted by the richness of these people's natural resources, the richness of profits off cheap labor, the near total lack of environmental and worker safety regulations and the non-existent benefits for said labor.

U.S. transnationals were given a push toward this pregnant profit source, this attractive and waiting richness, by the U.S. government, which subsidizes (read gives taxpayers' money to) corporations in the form of tax breaks on foreign investment and even helping them to pay their relocation expenses at the expense of not only the taxpayers, but those taxpayers whose jobs are outsourced by this support for global U.S. economic dominance.

Local businesses in the "Third" World are destroyed as U.S. transnationals penetrate and overwhelm their markets like species imported to get rid of pests which turn out to be even bigger pests themselves. Taxpayer-subsidized cartels of transnationals dump their cheap, surplus goods in these countries at below their own cost to undersell local producers, thus forcing them out of business and allowing the U.S. corporations to take over the market. (This is also Wal-Mart's favorite technique for killing the competition in local markets right here in America.)

In the case of Big Agriculture they also take over/expropriate the best pieces of land, monocrop them with products for export, and douse them with oil-based, chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides, destroying the soil. Think Dust Bowl. This leaves less land for use for those run-out-of-business farmers and their families to produce the food to feed the local population, who, along with the displaced farmers, are forced to go to work - for next to nothing - on those monocropped plantations to grow food that will be shipped out of the country or to work in American sub-contracted sweat shop factories. This also forces them to buy what food they can afford from these same Big Ag corporations. This is exactly the same scenario as in the U.S., since the bulk of the U.S. population consists of dependent consumers, unable to feed themselves, who must go to a supermarket to feed off the tit of Big



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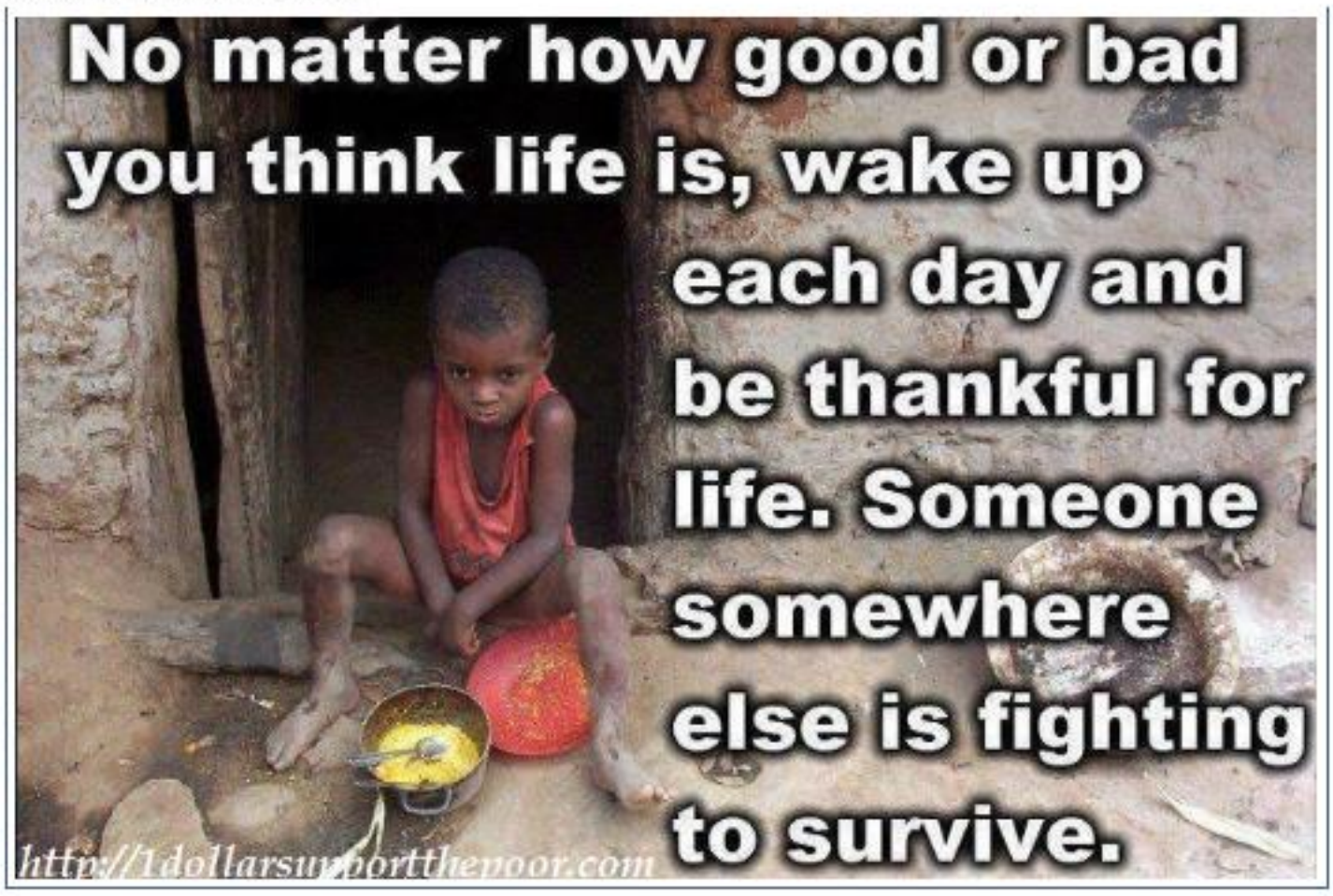




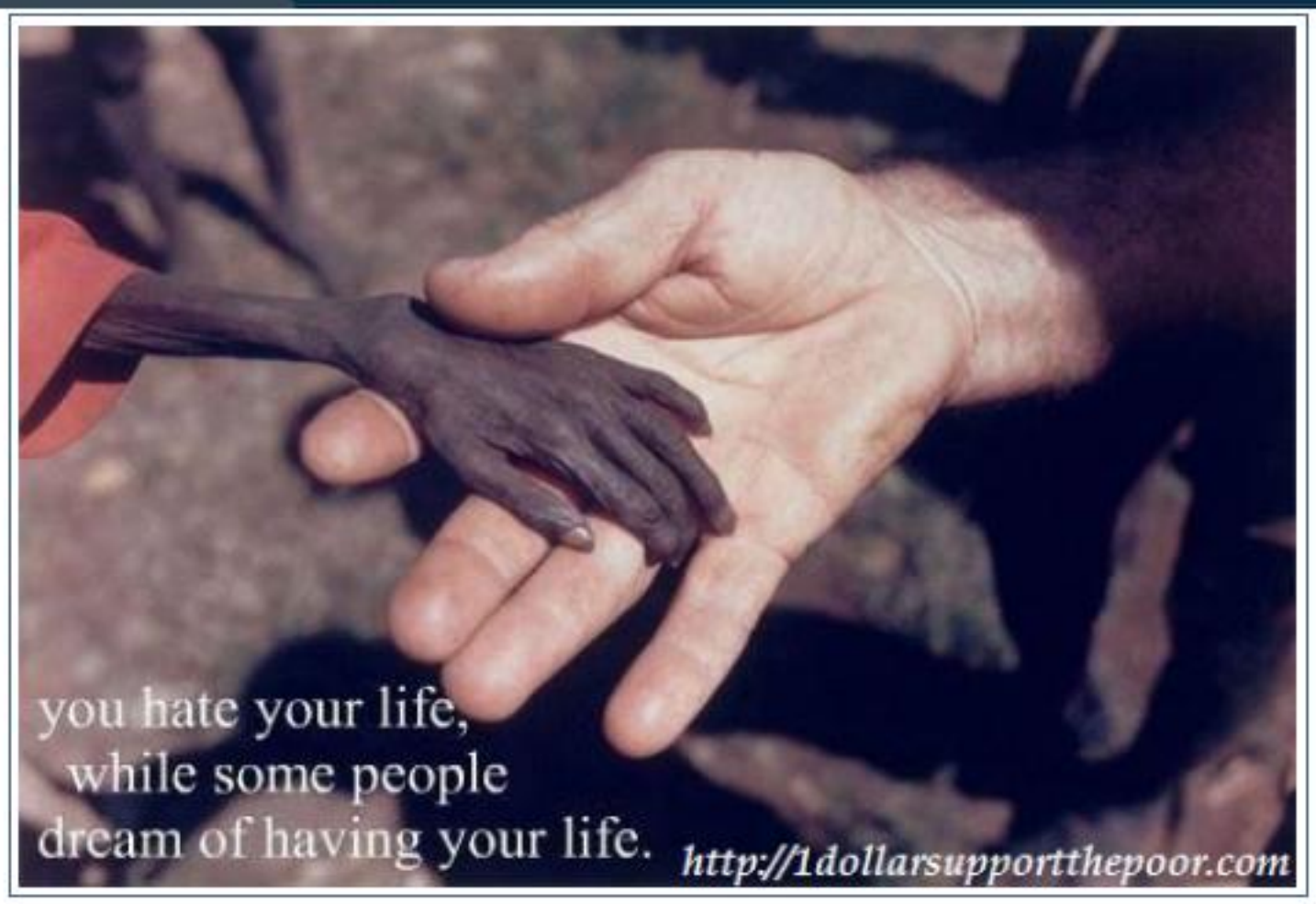
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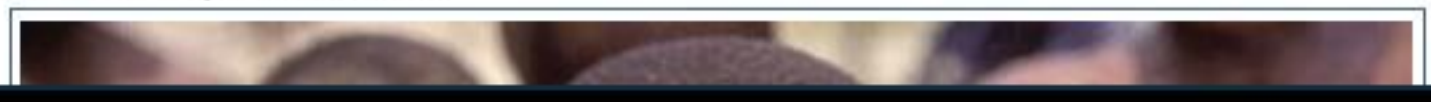


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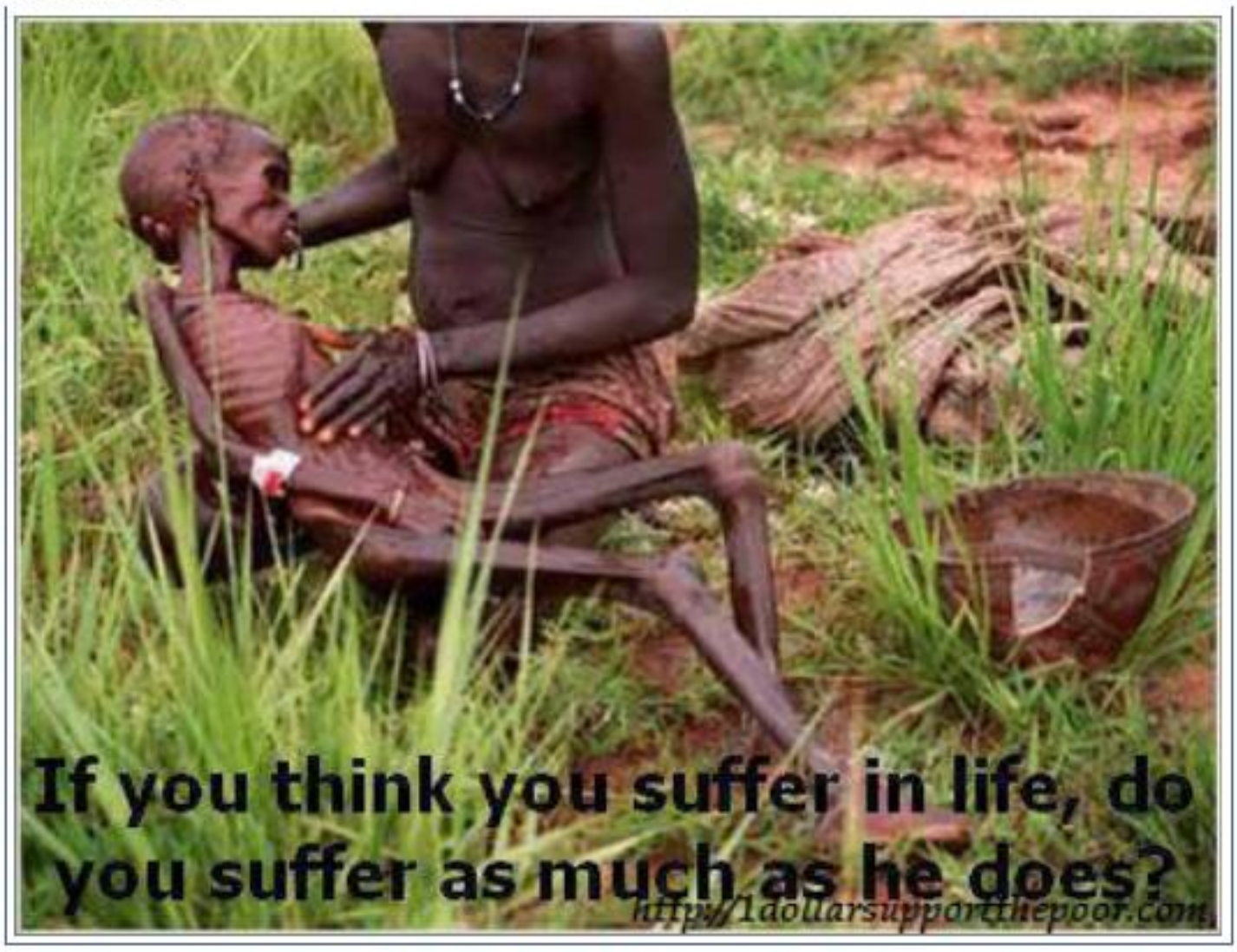




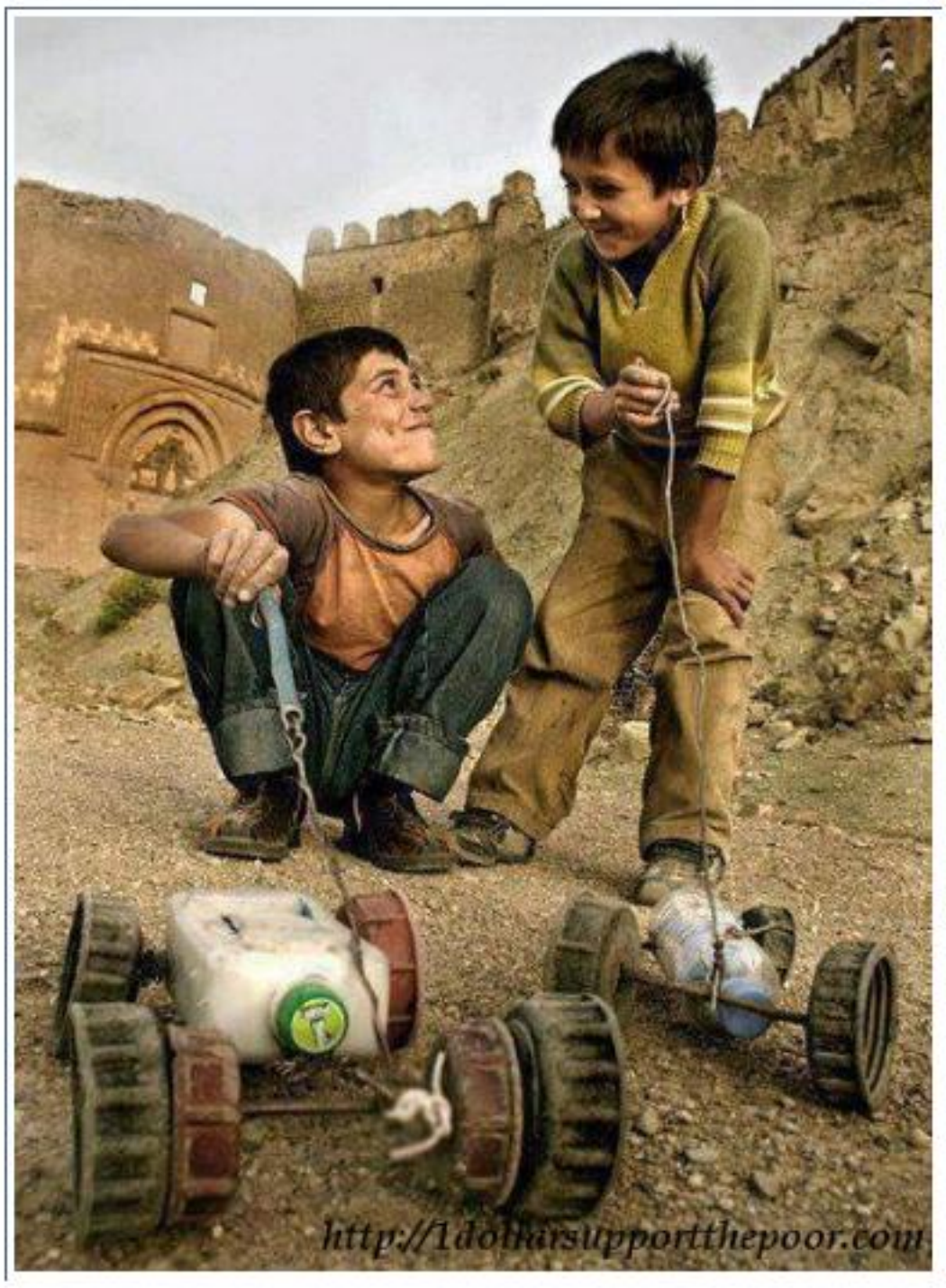
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Lack of affordable housing forces India's poor into death traps

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A group of men sleep on the roadside in New Delhi. (AP)

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Aslamkhan Bhikankha sold his wife's jewellery and used all his savings to buy a flat in a Mumbai suburb which he now fears will soon be razed, leaving his family homeless.

The flat is in one of numerous illegal buildings in Mumbra that house poor migrant workers and face demolition by authorities over safety concerns after the collapse last week of a 7-storey block nearby in which 74 people died.

"If they break this building, they should run the bulldozer over us and kill us too," said Bhikankha, a plumber who moved to Mumbai three years ago from a village 350 km (217 miles) to the north in search of a livelihood. "It will be better than losing all our money and living on the streets."

The building collapse and Bhikankha's plight underscore the government's failure to develop policies to house the millions of people who flood from rural India into cities to do the low-wage jobs in a modernising economy, Asia's third-biggest.

While building collapses are not uncommon in India, many were shocked by the Mumbra disaster, one of the deadliest such incidents in recent years. The apartment block crumbled in seconds, instantly killing dozens of construction workers and their wives and children who had been living there.

BLIND EYE

A shortage of affordable housing in Indian cities has led to rampant illegal construction by developers using cheap materials and shoddy methods in order to offer low-cost homes to low-paid workers, paying bribes to officials to turn a blind eye.

Despite several promises by the government to build affordable homes for India's poor in densely populated cities, the country's urban housing shortage is estimated at nearly 19 million households. That lack of affordable housing is especially acute in Mumbai, India's financial capital and home to some of the world's costliest real estate, where an estimated six out of every 10 people live in slums.

"This lack of quality affordable housing is why thousands choose to invest their hard-earned money in sub-

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President Obama gave an excellent speech last week in Kansas about inequality in America.

"This is the defining issue of our time." He said "This is a make-or-break moment for the middle class, and for all those who are fighting to get into the middle class. Because what's at stake is whether this will be a country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home, secure their retirement."



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How many times must we endure listening to clueless people blame the poor for being victims of the economic policies of the rich?

They present it as if the playing field is level, and all poor people need to do is work harder and they can achieve the success that the wealthy enjoy. One of the most recent incidents was Gene Marks' article on Forbes.com, aptly entitled, *If I Was A Poor Black Kid*. In the face of negative feedback about the article Forbes.com pulled the article. The piece, however, recently reemerged with the title corrected to *If I Were A Poor Black Kid*.

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by **coldharvest** • Wed Dec 28, 2011 9:45 am

A Mexican anti-poverty official has been fired after posting a comment on social media sites suggesting that poor people smell.

Mexico's anti-poverty agency said Carlos Talavera has been fired as director of outreach brigades in the western city of Uruapan after a Facebook posting of his was re-tweeted on social media sites.

The original comment appears to describe an event attended by poor people and reads roughly "truth is this smells impressively bad, poor things".

The social development department said that it "roundly condemns" Mr Talavera's comment.

Mr Talavera also apologised on his Facebook account, saying: "I accept my error."

About 47 million of Mexico's 112 million people live in poverty.



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Re: Poor people smell

by **Caliban** • Thu Dec 29, 2011 3:50 pm

The truth sometimes hurts(or smells)

"If you sit still the birds shit on you, even Buddha, life's short so get out there and do something"
"My life has no purpose, no direction, no aim, no meaning, and yet I'm happy. I can't figure it out. What am I doing right?" Snoopy



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Can Poor People Afford a "Sustainable" Diet?

By Linda Eckhardt on September 16, 2011

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As incomes plummet, and unemployment rises, the numbers of women and children in poverty rises and food insecurity grows. The poverty rate among women climbed to 14.5 percent in 2010, the highest in 17 years. The extreme poverty rate among women climbed to 6.3 percent in 2010, the highest rate ever recorded.

Over 17 million women lived in poverty in 2010, including more than 7.5 million in extreme poverty; extreme poverty means income below half the federal poverty line which is called about $22,350 per year for a family of four at the moment.

So my question is this: can poor people afford a sustainable diet?

One of the most significant things that has happened in the last 10 years is that food has become unaffordable to many Americans

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Are you not wealthy too? Do you not have a roof over your head and food in your belly,a car,and TV a Computer,clothes,some money.Cable,cell phone home phone. You to are wealthy,its funny that people see others that are wealthy,but never see themselves as wealthy too.Want to see poor,try going to some of the other country's and then tell me you are not wealthy.



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He's a far better choice than OBummer

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John Hall voted **I believe Romney's policies would be beneficial to the nation. (comment why)**

I think his record as governor , Bain and the Olympics suggest he can get the job done .

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Top down economics only work for a small percentage

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I don't believe that tax cuts for the very wealthy will have a positive effect on the economy.

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At the very least, they would be, by far and away, better then the horrific botch job of the failure in chief Obama. Just getting rid of the unjust socialist obama care tax alone is a huge step in the right direction.

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September 4, 2012 · By Belinda Parrenas, Holy Family

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I was touched by the article of Father Shay Cullen entitled, *Helping others directs us on our path to happiness (Mabuhay,* June 10), especially where he wrote, "To believe in justice, but not to help victims is hypocrisy."

In other words, intelligence is nothing unless it is exercised and there is no point teaching about charity but not wanting to help the needy.

In using the examples of fruit we say, " It looks good outside, but inside is rotten." These are only few examples of the hypocrisy of our surroundings.

Father Cullen mentions some Christian qualities like "living our lives for others is the highest form of love that Jesus of Nazareth and other great heroes practiced."

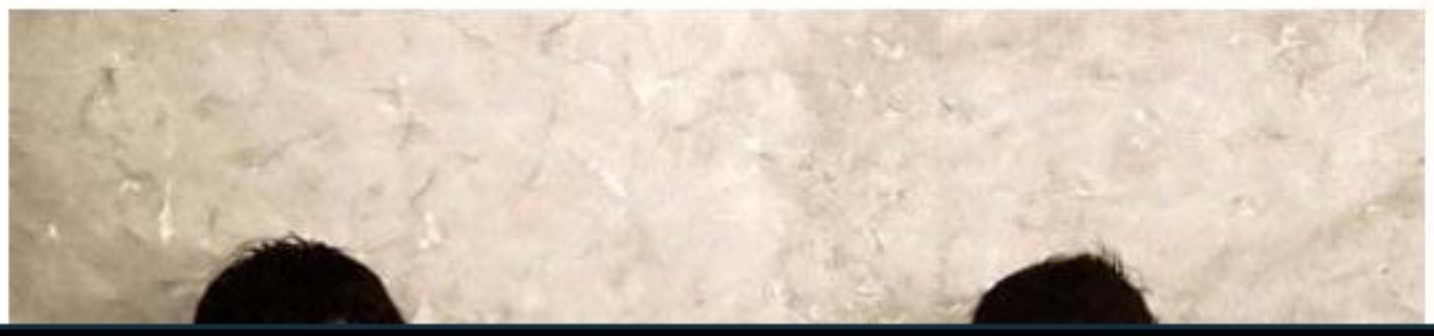
For me, most of all, government officials have always had the chance to perform acts of love towards other people, especially the poor, the sick, the marginalized and so on.

They are in the position and in a state of grace where the courage to serve and privilege of doing such influential acts of kindness and goodness towards their constituents is expected.

If only those who are in the state of responsibility would practice their duties faithfully, equally and with loyalty, certainly there would be no one suffering from hunger, marginalization and discrimination between the poor and the rich.

However, more often than not, they are given more chances to express their love through the calamities that strike our country, like the floods, typhoons, sickness and human abuse.

it is sad to say that most of them were not able to fulfill their role of being committed servants of their country, as government officials or local officials in towns are corrupted by the dazzle of the money that was supposed to be given to victims of calamities.



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The poor people are always the victims who lack courage and strength to fight for their rights.

Personally, I witnessed this situation in the Philippines in our place a few years ago. Our place was hit by typhoon Frank and many houses collapsed and many plantations were swept away by the flood.

One victim of the calamity is my brother. He and others were promised 10000 pesos <US 1,850> each by the government to rebuild their houses.

For the record, they were asked to come to the municipal hall of to write their names as proof that they were the victims that would receive such amount.

However, months and years have passed, but they have not received anything. Now it is forgotten. Who was to be blamed? Cheating is really an extremely disgusting attitude especially when coming from officials of the country.

The poor victims of the calamity were victimized by our own government officials by succumbing to corruption for their own benefit.

It is so sad for the poor. It is so shameful for the heartless. Who will care for our plight? No one, except our fellow poor, the victims. God bless the victims of calamities and injustice.

The senatorial election is coming up in the Philippines. It is our right and privilege to vote wisely. We can choose the one whom we think respond to the needs of our society.

Surely we Filipinos have some idea who among them is a worthy instrument of our development and worthy of our previous vote, who will carry out their obligations with credibility and give concern to the plight of the Filipino migrant workers.

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The N C Saxena panel said India's poverty index was 50 per cent. The other two committees estimated it at 77 per cent and 37.2 per cent.

The criteria for poverty estimation proposed by the Saxena panel improved on the 2002 survey. It proposed automatic inclusion of certain groups and communities and exclusion of certain others.

To make the survey transparent, 'the expert group suggested involving panchayats and gram sabhas in the final census to drastically reduce inclusion and exclusion errors,' says Saxena.

Subsequent to the expert group recommendations, member of the country's National Advisory Council, Jean Dreze, along with Ritika Khera of the Centre for Development Economics in Delhi, suggested simpler criteria.

Their report suggested 'a quasi-universal approach wherein all households are eligible for BPL status unless they meet pre-specified exclusion criteria'.

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The report said there should be no cap on the number of BPL households.

Experts disagree on criteria

In 2010, a pilot survey was conducted to determine the most suitable criteria. The Social Sciences Centre at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi conducted the survey covering 254 villages spread over four districts in each state.

'We picked two districts from the richer part of the state and two from the poorer part,' says Himanshu, assistant professor at the centre.

The survey used a questionnaire that included suggestions from the Saxena panel report, Dreze-Khera report, and the Planning Commission.

State officials gathered the data which were analysed by Himanshu's team. Based on this analysis, a Cabinet note was prepared on the most pertinent indicators.

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One of the biggest drawbacks noticed during the pilot survey was that the targetted approach of the ministry leaves scope for high margins of error, no matter what the selected indicators are.

Even in the controlled experiments, the error margin was 25 to 30 per cent. 'This error is only going to get amplified when the survey is carried out on a large scale,' he warns.

Capping the number of poor households, too, is a contentious issue with many states demanding expansion of the list. For instance, in January 2011, Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi sought an independent commission to identify BPL families.

The Centre has fixed the number of BPL families in Bihar at 6.5 million; the state says it has 14 million such families.

Saxena insists government must cap the number of poor. Otherwise their numbers would be inflated, which is a 'natural fallout of populist tendencies that abound in a democracy'.

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He adds the problem is not with the indicators alone. The collection of data at panchayat and block levels, as suggested by the expert group, would prevent corruption and wrong allocation of cards, he adds.

Himanshu says the rift between the Centre and the states is the result of inflated figures alone. 'This has more to do with the fact that the cap is derived from an estimate of income and consumption while states conduct door-to-door surveys based on socio-economic indicators,' he says, while adding that consumption data cannot be co-related with socio-economic indicators.

But Saxena says that misreporting of BPL households is a result of data collection being carried out at the state level, instead of the block and panchayat level. The confusion over how to identify BPL families continues.

Independent survey on different methods:

Others who have carried out BPL surveys in 2010 like Raj Kishore, advisor to the Right To Food commissioner, says, 'While covering 1,273 households in two districts of Orissa we noted a vast difference in the 'poor' percentile depending on the method used.'

The survey was carried out in the two poorest of districts -- Kalahandi and Korapur -- in 25 villages covering six gram panchayats. Following the expert group's recommendations, of all the houses surveyed only two were automatically excluded while 14 per cent fell within the category of below poverty line.

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'All the 1,200-odd households surveyed are visibly poor and through another method we found above 80 per cent of the households come under BPL,' says Kishore.

He adds that the alternative method was based on a paper submitted by Jean and Ritika. Here, of the five inclusion criteria provided if a family falls under even one, they are entitled to BPL benefits.

For example, in the 1,273 households, when the criterion of an adult member educated up to class V was taken, 83 per cent of the households came under BPL.

Similarly when the criterion of all the adult members of a family being involved in agriculture was taken, 87 per cent of the households fell under BPL.

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Methods currently under debate:
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- Primitive tribal groups.
- Most discriminated against Scheduled Caste groups called Maha Dalit Groups.
- Single women headed households.
- Households with disabled person as bread-earner.
- Household headed by a minor; destitute households which are dependent pre-dominantly on alms for survival.
- Homeless households.
- Any member of the household is bonded labour.

Automatically excluded are:

- Who own double the land of the district average of the agricultural land per agricultural household if partially or wholly irrigated (three times if completely un-irrigated).
- Families with three- or four-wheeled motorised vehicles.
- Families which have at least one mechanised farm equipment like a tractor, power tiller, thresher or harvester.
- Families that have any one person drawing a salary of over Rs 10,000 per month in non-government/private organisations or is employed in government (including para-statals) on a regular basis with pensionary or equal benefits.
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In addition to this, the group requires that the remainder of the households be surveyed through a scoring method. The point system is thus:

- Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes get 3 points.
- Landless agricultural labour get 4 points, agricultural labour with land get 3 points, casual workers get 2 points, self-employed artisan's or fisher folk get 2 points.
- No adult over 30 years of age studied up to class V get 1 point.
- Any household member with TB, leprosy, disability, mental illness or AIDS get 1 point.
- Households headed by an old person of over 60 years and above get 1 point.

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Poor people in oil-rich Iraq waiting for their food rations.

At the onset of this millennium, the World Bank (WB) established a set of international development targets, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), to reduce poverty by half on 2015. On that point, during the annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) held in Dubai, in September 2003, James Wolfenshon, then-president of the WB declared that over one billion people survive on less than one dollar a day. While, on the other hand, one billion people, more or less, control more than 80 percent of the global Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

Eight years later, in 2011, at the spring meetings of the WB and IMF in Washington, Robert Zoellick, president of the WB at that time, forewarned that the world is "one shock away from a full-blown crisis". He added that the continual ascent of food prices is the main threat to poor nations, who risk "losing a generation".

In spite of that, the World Development Indicators (WDI) 2012 of the WB acclaim that the global poverty indicator of those who live on less than $1.25 per day has been cut down by half (from 44.3% in 1990 to 22.0% in 2012). In contradiction with 2012 WDI, the WB issued on February 29, 2012, a "Global Poverty Update" wherein it manifests that "At the current rate of progress there will still be around 1 billion people living below $1.25 per day in 2015".

Obviously, the World Bank update has reconfigured the original goals of the Millennium Development Goals, which were set to reduce global poverty by half, and not just reduce the number of poor people who live on less than $1.25 a day only. However, the same global update also reports that, "The number of people living between $1.25 and $2.00 has almost doubled from 648 million to 1.18 billion between 1981 and 2008", which made the WB's Update inconsistent to provide the real picture of global poverty.

In any case, the result is that the world has 2.47 billion hungry souls in 2008, who live on less than $2 a day, compared with 2.59 billion in 1981, let alone the number of poor who were reapportioned into another poverty brackets due to a series of adjustments of wages resulted from long years of recurring

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• "I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn't touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God."
• If you're in trouble, or hurt or need - go to the poor people. They're the only ones that'll help - the only ones.
• "To a billion people around the world surviving on just a dollar a day, the question of what to eat tonight is more about life and death than about recipes. The struggle ofpoor people around the globe weighs heavily"
• "Rich people believe that they create their lives while poor people believe that life happens to them."

• "Of the 22 industrialized nations of the world, we're dead last in per capita giving to poor people."
• "People don't like other poor people, and rather than blame the people that make you all poor, you blame each other. "
• "The pleasures of the imagination are as it were only drawings and models which are played with by poor people who cannot afford the real thing."
• "You can spend the money on new housing for poor people and the homeless, or you can spend it on a football stadium or a golf course."
• "I went to the bank and proposed that they lend money to the poor people. The bankers almost fell over."
• " "If this is going to be a Christian nation that doesn't help the poor, either we have to pretend that Jesus was just as selfish as we are, or we've got to acknowledge that He commanded us to love the poor and serve the needy without condition and then admit that we just don't want to do it." "
• ""Look at that sea, girls--all silver and shadow and vision of things not seen. We couldn't enjoy its loveliness any more if we had millions of dollars and ropes of diamonds." "
• ""When we want to help the poor, we usually offer them charity. Most often we use charity to avoid recognizing the problem and finding the solution for it. Charity becomes a way to shrug off our responsibility. But charity is no solution to poverty. Charity only perpetuates poverty by taking the initiative away from the poor. Charity allows us to go ahead with our own lives without worrying about the lives of the poor. Charity appeases our consciences.""

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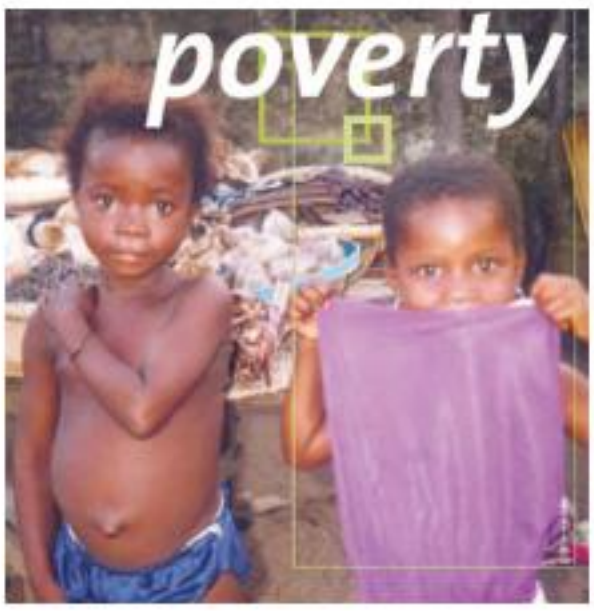
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POSITIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE UNDERSERVING POOR: USES OF THE UNDERCLASS IN AMERICA

This reading is really interesting and has a lot of facts and example of inequality. Poor people don't have the same equal life a rich person have because poor people don't have the same help a rich person has and not everyone cares for a poor person because of the class their labeled in. I find this unfair to "Poor People" because that just shows that society does not treat everyone the same. If you are poor you have to go threw a lot of faces in life in order for your life to be a little bit more different (better) but still poor people are being treated as if they were not consider a normal human.



Poor people or lower class people are consider to have a higher criminal activities then any other class or rich people because they either drop out of school or cant get a job to stay out of trouble. Also immigrants have no choices but to work for what ever they get offered which they would eventually would get paid a lower wage and this is a problem for an American who is looking for work or is illegible to work but cant get a job because illegal immigrants are taking all types of jobs they could get their hands on. Poor people are being used in movies or television as being victims (dead or alive) by being on the news every day or being in the hands of the police. Underclass areas have little protection from police so drug dealers and illegal activities are higher in those areas.

Herbert J. Gans described 13 of the most important functions of the undeserving poor. If poverty was to get worse we would have more crime going on in society. Unskilled workers are needed in jobs because poor people are willing to work for minimum wages. This world could become a little better if we could get rid of poverty and help out poor people or people that need help to change the world a little. We are all humans and we all deserve equal lives. Does not matter if your rich or poor or what ever class you're in or where you came from, we should help each other and make life a little easier for each other rather then let someone suffer or die.





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Almost all the people around the World Developing through Perfect utilization of natural and artificial sources like Agriculture,Technology,Tourism and Education sectors so far. Richest countries are become more rich sustainability increasing of income sources and per capita, But some countries through out from development and they are very low level of standard of living.

Mostly Now African countries are world's poorest countries in 2013 according to WHO and UNO By calculating Their GDP and income Per capita.Citizens of such poorest countries need to put great efforts for satisfying their basic Primary needs like food, clothes, shelter, etc. poorest countries, The situation of these Poor countries is worse due to corruption, improper functioning of government, Population, unemployment, improper legal system, poor health care facilities, poor level of education and Cold war in groups etc. Please Share this article and comment

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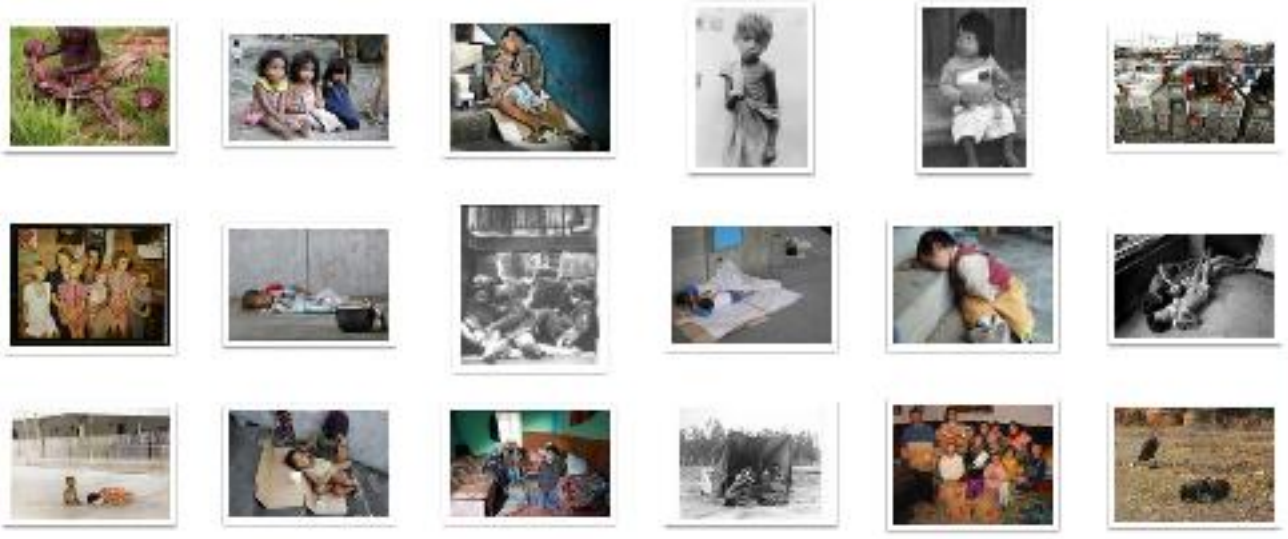
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The global economic recession has reversed a 20-year decline in world poverty and is likely to increase the ranks of the hungry in 2009 by up to 90 million, an increase of six per cent over current totals, the United Nations said on Monday.

The estimate, in a gloomy report on a decade-old UN programme to set poor countries on the road to solid development by 2015, suggests 17 per cent of the world's 6.8 billion people will be classed extremely poor by the end of this year. "In 2009, an estimated 55 to 90 million more people will be living in extreme poverty than anticipated before the crisis," declared the report, launched in Geneva by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2009 also warned that a recent decline in foreign aid - despite pledges from rich countries to increase the amount of aid - was likely to bring more disease and social disruption in the South.

In a speech to the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Mr Ban appealed to the G8 industrial nations to step up aid, especially to Africa, over the next year, saying their previous pledges had fallen short. Mr Ban's speech was aimed at the July 8-10 G8 gathering in the Italian city of L'Aquila, which he will be attending.

In 2005, G8 leaders pledged to raise development assistance by $50 billion by 2010, half of that for Africa. But Mr Ban said that aid remains at least $20 billion below that target. "The numbers of people going hungry and living in extreme poverty are much larger than they would have been had progress continued uninterrupted," Mr Ban said in a foreword, although the full impact of recession was not yet known, he added.

In the report, Mr Ban said it was important to continue programmes for improving maternal and infant survival rates and tackling hunger and malnutrition in the young, estimating that in poorer countries over a quarter of children are underweight.

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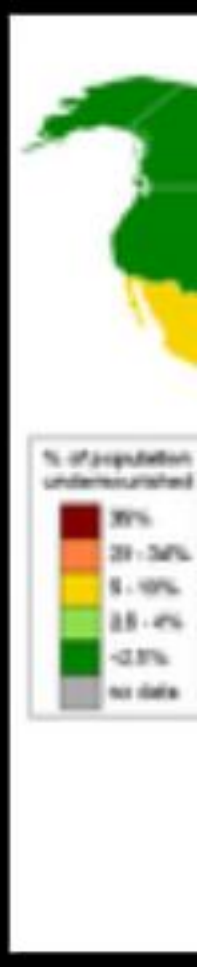
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Poverty a Concern Across the World, Reuters Poll Shows

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This blog is about poverty is Memphis, but a recent poll shows that poverty is the most common economic concern throughout the world. This is why I believe even conversations about poverty at the local level can generate conversations across communities- we're all dealing with this issue, whether we realize it or not.

Unemployment, poverty and social injustice are the top global concerns and most people think their country is heading in the wrong direction, according to a new poll.

The Ipsos/Reuters survey of 18,676 adults in 24 nations in Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America also showed that only a third of global citizens are 'satisfied with the way things are going in their own country... "Global worries have not changed since 2010," said John Wright, senior vice president and managing director at Ipsos, said in an interview.

He found two of the findings particularly interesting.

"First even though unemployment and jobs is at the top of the list, the most ubiquitous issue is really poverty and social inequality," he explained, adding it was among the main four concerns in 23 countries.

The full survey is below:

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Teach Girls, End World Poverty

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The amount of suffering and death caused as a result of poverty is staggering. The poorest 46 percent of people in the world have a mere 1.2 per cent of the income. One-third of all human deaths are from poverty-related causes: 18 million annually, including 12 million children under the age of five.*

Numbers don't quite do this problem justice. Imagine that roughly every two minutes, **a school bus full of children crashes, instantly killing every one of the children on board.** Here's another way to think about that fact: roughly every three seconds, 1 child dies from poverty-related causes.

In the time that it took you to read that paragraph, 2 children died from poverty-related causes.

When I taught this issue to my philosophy students, most were simultaneously horrified and overwhelmed. Some were more apathetic, seeing the deaths as something that was someone else's problem. It's *our* problem and it is overwhelming.

It's overwhelming precisely because it's hard to know where to start. There are a host of issues ranging from geopolitics, cross-cultural evaluations, retributive justice, logistical concerns, and allocation concerns.

The fascinating thing about this is that it turns out that educating girls is the most effective entry point to this problem. Here's what one of the preeminent scholars and activists on world poverty has to say:

> *"There is now abundant evidence that birth rates tend to fall dramatically wherever poverty is alleviated and women gain better better economic opportunities, more control within their households, and better access to reproductive information and technologies."*

As another case, Grameen Bank, a microcredit bank founded by Nobel Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, focuses 2 of the 16 Decision its lendees subscribe to on females:

> *Decision 6: We shall plan to keep our families small. We shall minimize our expenditures. We shall look after our health.*
>
> *Decision 11: We shall not take any dowry at our sons' weddings, neither shall we give any dowry at our daughters wedding. We shall keep our centre free from the curse of dowry.*


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UN poverty panel meets in Liberia to debate world goals as deadline looms

Meeting in Monrovia, co-chaired by David Cameron, brings together differing opinions over the right course of action



A poverty-stricken country family in Afghanistan. Photograph: Massoud Hossaini/AFP/Getty Images

Patrick Wintour in Monrovia

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Staging debates in a relatively high-class hotel in Monrovia about how the world should abolish absolute poverty in 2030 might seem on the more surreal side of life, especially as the world confronts austerity and terrorism.

But the UN high-level panel, including David Cameron and set up last summer, is in Liberia to try to keep alive one of the few successful international efforts to address poverty: the UN Millennium Development Goals, which expire in 2015.

Many of those goals have not been met as the finishing line approaches, but some on access to education or improving access to water have been achieved, sometimes largely due to the economic growth in China and India over the past decade.

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POVERTY



Developing countries as our own country Indonesia is facing many major classic problems, and one of the greatest is POVERTY.

Not to mention, debt and corruption worsen the situation.

Based on World Bank's research result on poverty rate reported in 2008 at least 80% humanity lives on less than $1 a day. This number is based on Purchasing Power Parity which taken generally from many countries.

According to UNICEF, 24.000 children die each day due to poverty.
Around 27-28% of all children in developing countries are estimated to be underweight.
Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or even sign their names.
The list is going on and on...
We surely can not turn a blind eye to those facts.

Former Secretary-General Kofi Annan said as he called for progress on human development to go hand in hand with advances in security and human rights.

In a message marking International Human Rights Day, whose theme is that fighting poverty should be a matter of obligation and not charity, Mr. Annan said that "if we are to be serious about human rights, we must demonstrate that we are serious about deprivation."

Mr. Annan said the world's poorest are the people least capable of achieving or defending rights – such as to a decent standard of living or to food and essential health care – that others take for granted.

"We must all recognize that wherever families eke out an existence on less than a dollar a day, or children die for lack of basic yet life-saving care, the Declaration has, at best, a hollow ring," he said.
Fighting poverty is not an individual fight, it is our duty that we should work hand in hand to reduce it.

As we may aware, poverty is in the mindset. If you can change the mindset of the people, to change the paradigm, to change how they act and see things, they will surely change their fate and get out of the poverty chain. Empowering people with skills and knowledge, no debt, no corruption even from the smallest scale of action, will be an excellent start to reduce poverty rate. It begins with our willingness to change and to help others.

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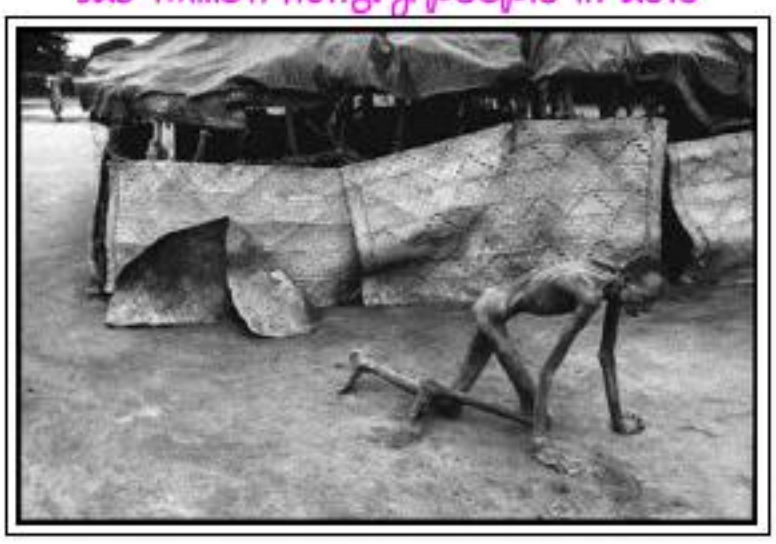
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Muslims all over the world have embarked on a month of reflection, purification and abstinence from eating and drinking from dawn to sunset.

The world's 1.2 billion Muslims, around one-fifth of humanity, will begin Monday this year's observance of the Ramadan fasting season, obligatory on all adult and physically fit believers and regarded as one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith.

This holy month is celebrated in the entire world with great enthusiasm and joy, as a great opportunity to remove all cultural and geographical obstacles that stand before the unification of the entire Muslim population around common sacred values.
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The World Bank recently published data showed, the latest poverty estimate for the daily income is 1.25 U.S. dollars. It is estimated that Indin's population living below the poverty estimate of the population in 2005 was 455 million, accounting for about one-third of the total population global poverty .

The World Bank statement said the new definition of the poverty estimate in 2005 is the world's poorest countries from 10 to 20 derived based on the average. There are about 1.4 billion people lower than the global standards, accounting for 26 percent of the total global population.

Reported that the World Bank made the latest definition under the global cost of living up. It is estimated that up to 2005, and India's 455 million people living in extreme poverty, representing an increase of 36 million comparing with 1981. The World Bank in a statement said that the India's high economic growth is to reduce the number of people living in extreme poverty.

According to Indian official estimates, from 2004 to 2005, there 301.72 million people living in extreme poverty. The World Bank statement said that, as in the poorest countries the proportion of the population, the proportion of people living in extreme poverty in India over the same period from 60 percent to 42 percent, still higher than the official estimate of India's 27.5 percent.

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Some world poverty stats (source http://www.globalissues.org)

Half the world — nearly three billion people — live on less than two dollars a day.
More than 80 percent of the world's population lives in countries where income differentials are widening.
The poorest 40 percent of the world's population accounts for 5 percent of global income. The richest 20 percent accounts for three-quarters of world income.

According to UNICEF, 26,500-30,000 children die each day due to poverty. And they "die quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and the conscience of the world. Being meek and weak in life makes these dying multitudes even more invisible in death."

Around 27-28 percent of all children in developing countries are estimated to be underweight or stunted. The two regions that account for the bulk of the deficit are South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.
Less than one per cent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed to put every child into school by the year 2000 and yet it didn't happen.

Infectious diseases continue to blight the lives of the poor across the world. An estimated 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS, with 3 million deaths in 2004. Every year there are 350–500 million cases of malaria, with 1 million fatalities: Africa accounts for 90 percent of malarial deaths and African children account for over 80 percent of malaria victims worldwide.

Water problems affect half of humanity:

Some 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.
Almost two in three people lacking access to clean water survive on less than $2 a day, with one in three living on less than $1 a day.
More than 660 million people without sanitation live on less than $2 a day, and more than 385 million on less than $1 a day.
Access to piped water into the household averages about 85% for the wealthiest 20% of the population, compared with 25% for the poorest 20%.

Number of children in the world
2.2 billion

Number in poverty
1 billion (every second child)

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the 41 Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (567 million people) is less than the wealth of the world's 7 richest people combined.

World gross domestic product (world population approximately 6.5 billion) in 2006 was $48.2 trillion in 2006.

The world's wealthiest countries (approximately 1 billion people) accounted for $36.6 trillion dollars (76%).
The world's billionaires — just 497 people (approximately 0.000008% of the world's population) — were worth $3.5 trillion (over 7% of world GDP).

Low income countries (2.4 billion people) accounted for just $1.6 trillion of GDP (3.3%)

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Rural poverty



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Incidence of poverty



The incidence of poverty varies greatly across the country but is highest among rural families living in arid and semi-arid regions that depend exclusively on livestock and food crop production. The people of the central and northern highlands are nutritionally the most deficient, while the coastal and southern highlands zones register the severest levels of poverty. From the point of view of policy and strategy design, no region is significantly better-off than the other, and all are very poor by any international standard.

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As part of CRS' celebration of World Water Day on March 22, we're highlighting our integrated water programs in East Africa. The programs help people lift their communities out of poverty. By providing a full complement of water services, CRS is significantly improving quality of life in rural villages.

"Water is an essential part of life. Without it, people and animals simply can't survive," says David Orth-Moore, CRS' regional director for East Africa. "According to the United Nations, 1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water. Millions of others must trek miles each day to collect sufficient quantities for their needs, with this chore often done by children who should instead be in school. This lack of water can lead to poor health, malnutrition, meager incomes and low agricultural productivity."

Enabling communities to overcome poverty, however, demands much more than just digging a well or drilling a borehole. After gaining access to a clean source of water, villagers need washing platforms, bathing facilities, and household and community toilets to prevent disease and improve overall community health. Livestock troughs also enable villagers to care for their animals without contaminating their own water source. As important, irrigation schemes bring precious water to fields even in times of drought, increasing food supplies and often incomes.

By providing a holistic set of services—which can also include natural resource management, agro-enterprise initiatives, formation of savings and lending groups, and health, hygiene and sanitation training—CRS is enabling communities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to break out of the cycle of poverty. If funding increases, CRS will also begin integrated water initiatives across Sudan.

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Problems in Orissa



THE PEOPLE of Orissa have faced a number of problems since and continue to do so. The problems include lack of quality education in primary stage, poverty, unemployment, the politicisation and criminalisation of society, corruption and law and order problems.

The present educational system is a failure in Orissa. The pressure of the educational system is taking a toll on students. The exam oriented system judges the student on the basis of his performance in the annual examination held at the end of every session. Getting the child admitted in a good school is a Herculean task for the parents.

As people are the citizens of the country, the government should shoulder the responsibility of providing an immaculate environment to the people.

Industrialisation in Orissa was carried out by the private sector. Hence the progress of industrialisation was very slow. The primary occupation of the masses was agriculture, which yielded low per capita income. The increasing population is a matter of grave concern. The rate of economic growth has been unable to keep pace with the increasing population. Increase in population has meant an increase in unemployment.

The masses are illiterate and hence they were unaware of their rights and privileges. Due to low standard of living, the population of the state suffers from malnutrition, high infant mortality.

Another problem is the acute shortage of housing facilities in every district. The people were forced to live in bellow poverty line. There are 5.5 million families in the Below Poverty Line (BPL) list. The economic stagnation that has been witnessed in Orissa is because of the pluralistic pattern of society, unemployment and uneconomic outlook of the people.

Poverty in Orissa is on the decline but it is still a major issue. Rural Indians depend on unpredictable agriculture incomes, while urban Indians really on jobs that are at best scarce. Since 1990, the issue of poverty has remained a prevalent concern. Due to poverty, people of Malakangir, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, kandhamal, Bargard, Nayagadh, Gajpati, etc, are finding it difficult to meet the minimum requirement of acceptable living standards, many of them are unemployed and considered poor.

Millions of people in the state are unable to meet the basic standards of living. Nearly 70 per cent of the entire rural population and 40 per cent of the urban population of Orissa lives in this difficult physical and financial predicament. The state still has a long way to go in order to be called a developed state from all perspectives - social economical and political.

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In September, 2000, the United Nations Millennium Summit brought out a historic resolution signed by 189 world leaders to reduce hunger and poverty from the world by 2015. This resolution was based on specific goals called Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Foremost among eight was ''eradicate extreme poverty and hunger" India is also represented in this forum.

One third of the world's poor live in India. According to the international poverty indicator of US$1/day ,the total number is 350 million , although the official statistics (19999-20000 place the number at 260 million or 26% of the total population. Around 22 % population in India live Below Poverty .The extreme poverty and hunger in India castling in villages where Bharat lives. (72% of total population lives in 5,50,000 lakh odd villages) .Orissa among all Indian states tops the incidence of poverty. Orissa emerges in the forefront of all states signifying all indices. Poverty is a condition created by unjust society ,denying people access to and control over the resources that they need to live a fulfilled life. Orissa also lives in villages. Almost 85% percent of people live in rural area of the state . Around 42 % people in Orissa and 47% people of rural Orissa live below poverty . Although it is the state of mineral resources and it spreads over 6000 sq km area . Iron ore occupies 33% of India 's reserve ,Bauxite is 50% ,Nickel is 95% chromite is 98% and coal is 24 % . Still it is difficult and stupendous task to eradicate poverty in Orissa. We have succeeded in eradicating poverty by 2.92 % between 1993-94 and 2004-05.But in absolute number the people below Poverty has increased from 140.9 lakes in 1993-94 to 151.75 lakes in 2004-05 in Orison against all India figure of decreased from 2440.31 to 2209.24 lakes. This failure is achieved in time span of eleven years. So the annual average rate of reduction is only 0.265%. With this speed of progress it would be very ambitious projection made by NIRD , that Orissa would have only 4.63 % of people below poverty line by 2011-12. This critical analysis has given focus and try to justify that Eradication of Poverty in Orissa is uphealing task.

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World's rich could end poverty: Oxfam report

UK-based charity says the world's 100 richest people earned enough in 2012 to end global poverty four times over



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The world's 100 richest people earned enough money last year to end world extreme poverty four times over, according to a new report released by international rights group and charity Oxfam.

The $240 billion net income of the world's 100 richest billionaires would have ended poverty four times over, according to the London-based group's report released on Saturday.

The group has called on world leaders to commit to reducing inequality to the levels it was at in 1990, and to curb income extremes on both sides of the spectrum.

The release of the report was timed to coincide with the holding of the World Economic Forum in Davos next week.

The group says that the world's richest one percent have seen their income increase by 60 percent in the last 20 years, with the latest world financial crisis only serving to hasten, rather than hinder, the process.

"We sometimes talk about the 'have-nots' and the 'haves' - well, we're talking about the 'have-lots'. [...] We're anti-poverty agency. We focus on poverty, we work with the poorest people around the world. You don't normally hear us talking about wealth. But it's gotten so out of control between rich and poor that one of the obstacles to solving extreme poverty is now extreme wealth," Ben Phillips, a campaign director at Oxfam, told Al Jazeera.

'Global new deal'

"We can no longer pretend that the creation of wealth for a few will inevitably benefit the many – too often the reverse is true," said Jeremy Hobbs, an executive director at Oxfam.

"Concentration of resources in the hands of the top one per cent depresses economic activity and makes life harder for everyone else – particularly those at the bottom of the economic ladder.

"In a world where even basic resources such as land and water are increasingly scarce, we cannot afford to concentrate assets in the hands of a few and leave the many to struggle over what's left."

Hobbs said that "a global new deal" is required, encompassing a wide array of issues, from tax havens to employment laws, in order to address income inequality.

Closing tax havens, the group said, could yield an additional $189bn in additional tax revenues. According to Oxfam's figures, as much as $32 trillion is currently stored in tax havens.

In a statement, Oxfam warned that "extreme wealth and income is not only unethical it is also economically inefficient, politically corrosive, socially divisive and environmentally destructive."

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> "Extreme poverty" is defined on subsisting on less than $1.25.
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> According to Annie Lowrey, "The report contained a raft of statistics showing broad declines in poverty throughout the 2000s. For the first time since the World Bank started keeping statistics in 1981, poverty fell in every region of the world on a three-year timeframe. In sub-Saharan Africa, the proportion of the population living in extreme poverty fell below 50 percent for the first time. And between 1981 and 2008, poverty fell to just less than a quarter of the developing world's population from more than half."
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> The report cites improvement in the economies of China, Brazil and India as raising the income for their citizens, but that would not explain the major improvements in other poor areas, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, "where the proportion of people living in extreme poverty actually increased through the 1990s, before declining in the 2000s."
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> "Long-term changes are really starting to take hold", said Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the United Nations' special adviser on the Millennium Development Goals, citing favorable market conditions, policies to tackle public health problems and technological change bringing tools like cellphones and Internet connections to even the most remote and rural areas.
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> "Separately, the United Nations announced that the world had met the Millennium Development Goal of halving the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water five years ahead of its 2015 target. Between 1990 and 2010, more than two billion people gained access to improved drinking water, according to a joint report by the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization. Now, 89 percent of the world's population has that resource, up from 76 percent in 1990," notes Lowrey.
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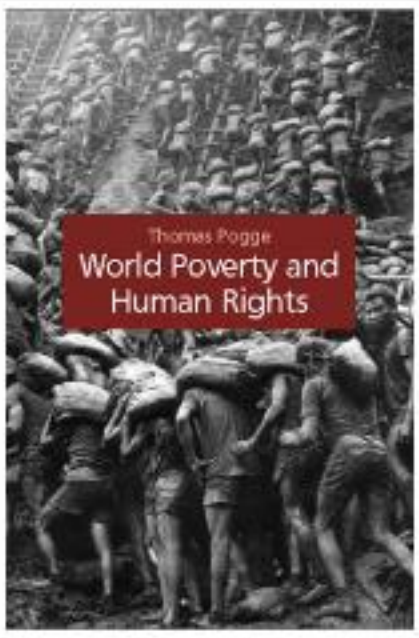
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Debating Aid: Beyond Armchair Theorising

Far too often debates over development aid follow the contours of ideology - either (global) capitalism is evil and must be stopped, or the poor are just welfare scroungers who have to be saved from aid by free-markets. As a result we get an unhelpful myopia - arguments are ideologically driven and make only partial contact with the evidence, and divisive rhetoric - the real enemy is not poverty, but one's ideological opponents. Think William Easterly's 'White Man's Burden' or Naomi Klein's 'No Logo'.



So do philosophers do any better?

Thomas Pogge's 'World Poverty and Human Rights' is one influential but disappointing recent attempt.

Step 1) moral outrage - lots of poverty statistics

Step 2) clever conceptual development - 5/6 of the world lack
basic human needs because of the global order imposed by us (the rich) which is a harm we have a duty to stop or mitigate.

Step 3) piecemeal solutions - end countries; promote democracy; tax resource extraction to fund aid; introduce a new patent system which pays out according to how many lives a treatment saves.

Unfortunately Pogge tries to diagnose and solve the world's most intractable problems with nothing but moral theory and a smattering of World Bank statistics (see my hero Hans Rosling for a better statistical picture). He makes some telling points about how the Millennium Development Goals have been diluted by statistical manipulation to make them easier to achieve, but in the process reveals his own startlingly simplistic 'arithmetical' view of poverty and development - ending poverty means transferring a few percent from the wealthiest to the poorest columns in his charts. It is true that poor people by definition don't have enough money and giving them money is an under-utilised and obvious way of relieving that condition, but achieving sustained development requires disruptive changes to status quo political, social, and economic structures. Particularly important are:

- Extending universal rights - legal, political and social - to the poor (from political representation to property rights, etc);
- Public services provision - even 2 dollars a day won't buy you much clean water, sewerage, electricity, basic education or healthcare on the 'market' (see the new UN poverty index). These can be much more efficiently organised by a state (and important for economic productivity as well as quality of life);
- Promoting the poor's real access to economic opportunities (redistribute assets like land, build rural roads, address corruption, remove gender/class/caste barriers, etc);
- Commit to increasing economic production and ensure distribution of economic gains to the poor (i.e. industrialise! see e.g. Ha-Joon Chang).

There is an almost complete lack of political-economy in Pogge's book. That means that he never manages to identify the specific causal connections between certain global institutional arrangements and avoidable poverty. And it means that his solutions lack realisticness and bite. (With the notable exception of the excellent patent proposal, which is realistic and could do a lot of good, but still exemplifies his focus on avoiding any engagement with the 'illegitimate' local governments and institutions of the poor world. Actually Pogge doesn't really trust any governments).

For example, his analysis suggests that the rich world benefits from the present order's harms to the poor (the zero-sum game delusion) - no *we* don't (though certain vested interests do, just as with the Atlantic slave-trade), but good global governance is a public good and is undersupplied. He promotes democracy as a magic bullet, but only considers elections, rather than the democratic institutions (free press, civil society, constitutional checks, etc) without which democratic politics turns into patronage funded by rentseeking (see Nigeria, Kenya, etc for object lessons).

Pogge is a brilliant philosopher, deeply sincere, and committed to helping the poor world

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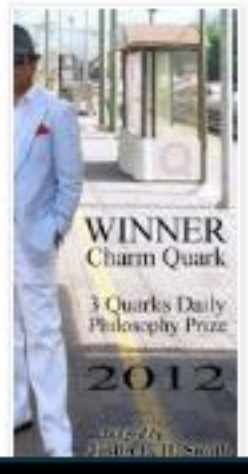
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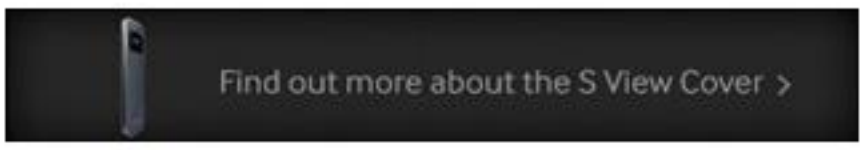
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Local solutions needed to fight poverty in Africa

Economist Benny Dembitzer outlined some of his solutions for ending poverty in Africa this week. But they seem to hinge on an illusive concept - that of nationhood



Are local solutions needed to end poverty in Africa? Photograph: Guardian

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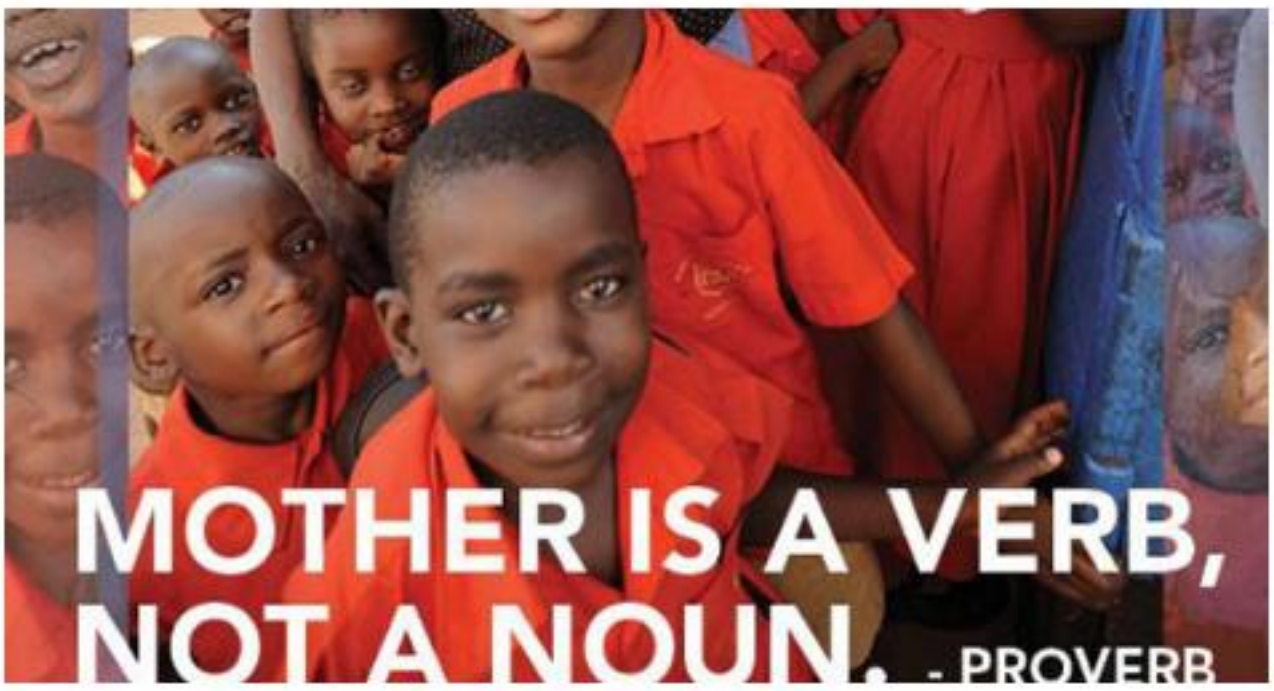
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The economist Benny Dembitzer this week laid out what, in his view, were the root causes of persistent poverty in the developing world, and challenged the international community to do more to avert social and economic disaster in large sections of the world.

At a House of Commons' event on Tuesday, organised to coincide with the launch of his book, The attack on world poverty: going back to basics, Dembitzer listed the factors he felt would undo the marginal gains made in Africa and exacerbate the poverty problem. These included climate change, urbanisation, the misuse of aid, emigration (the cost of which to African countries he puts at three times the amount received in aid), insufficient funding for education and China, which is buying up land and growing food to export home.

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The release of the report was timed to coincide with the holding of the World Economic Forum in Davos next week.

The group says that the world's richest one percent have seen their income increase by 60 percent in the last 20 years, with the latest world financial crisis only serving to hasten, rather than hinder, the process.
"We sometimes talk about the 'have-nots' and the 'haves' — well, we're talking about the 'have-lots' ... we're anti-poverty agency. We focus on poverty, we work with the poorest people around the world. You don't normally hear us talking about wealth. But it's gotten so out of control between rich and poor that one of the obstacles to solving extreme poverty is now extreme wealth," Ben Phillips, a campaign director at Oxfam, told Al Jazeera.

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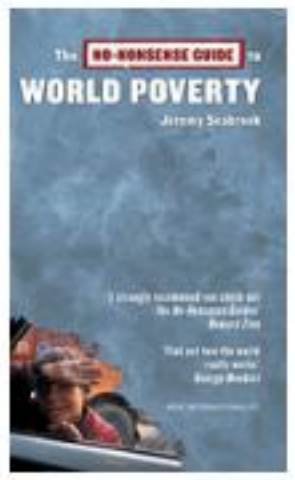
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Having a lifelong interest in human rights issues and having read many articles about poverty I was shocked to learn - when reading this book - that many of my basic concepts about poverty - my understanding of poverty were totally wrong. Jeremy argues that the consumerist culture that pervades the whole planet now - its "unlimited demand for limited resources", the desire to "have-what-I-want" rather than "live-on-what-I-need" attitude - these are the root causes of poverty. Organisations like the IMF and World Bank - these are helping to cause more poverty than alleviate it. The belief that the endless pursuit of money will "raise everyones level" simply is not true. This is an extremely important book for anyone who wishes to understand the real root causes of poverty. A must read. - Amazon Customer Review (5 star).

This guide questions conventional thinking about wealth and poverty - is the opposite of poverty really wealth, or is it safety and sufficiency? Seabrook reveals that poverty is everywhere, not just in poor countries. It's just the West hides its poor better.

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About the Author: *Jeremy Seabrook* has written more than 30 books (including *Travels in the Skin Trade*, and *Children of Other Worlds*), and has worked as a teacher, social worker, journalist, lecturer and playwright. He has contributed to many magazines, including the *New Statesman* and the *Ecologist*.

Read Jeremy Seabrook's New Internationalist blog post about The No-Nonsense Guide to World Poverty.

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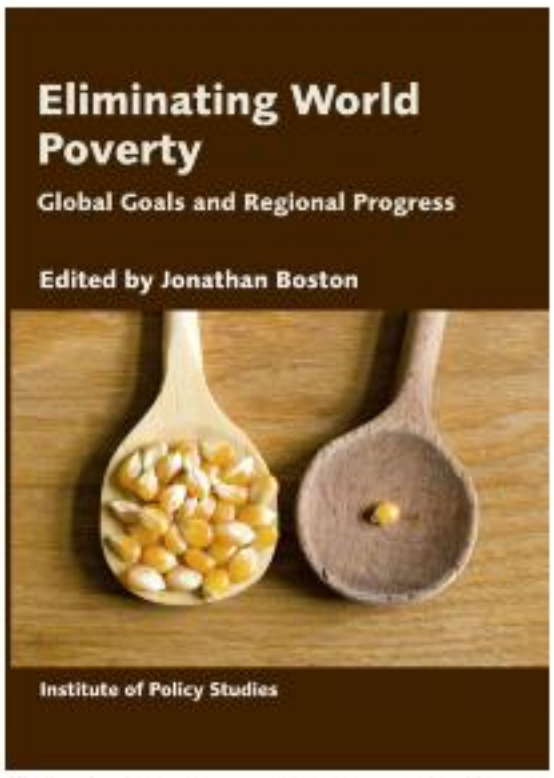
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Eliminating World Poverty: Global Goals and Regional Progress

Edited by Jonathan Boston



"The poorest of the world have been patient, but a hundred years is too long to wait for justice...to make poverty history, we need to make new history today, and make it happen now."

- British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, 2008

Eliminating World Poverty brings together, in an edited collection, revised versions of many of the papers presented at a major symposium on the demanding theme of eliminating world poverty - global goals and regional progress. The Institute of Policy Studies hosted the symposium in March 2009.

The Symposium was prompted by a desire to assess progress towards meeting the ambitious objectives embraced by the Millennium Summit at the United Nations in September 2000. These Millennium Development Goals, as the objectives are called, are due to be achieved by 2015 - barely six years away. A more specific aim of the symposium was to evaluate the progress thus far in the South Pacific region and assess the options available to policy-makers for overcoming the obstacles of sustainable development.

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Grand Prize: *The Cross of Poverty*

"The Cross of Poverty," interactive sculpture, by Harley June Smith, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Diocese of Orlando. The artist writes: *"What I created was a large cross covered in flowers that has many roots of poverty that you can pull.There are also flowers with actual solutions to these problems by FOCUS leaders in my community. The grass on my artwork shows that 1 out of 6 people in the U.S. live in poverty and I have added quotes that show how our faith calls us to help those that are poor."*



Photo by Valeta Orlando, Diocese of Orlando.

2nd Place, Grades 7-9: *Povertree*

"Povertree" painting, Dodi Fredericks, Christ the King School, Diocese of Nashville. Includes "branches" made of plaster hands that illustrate causes of poverty.The artist writes: *"I learned that there are many causes of poverty like bad choices, alcohol, drug abuse, bills, medical problems, no education, trouble finding jobs, and depression. ... Our faith calls us to address poverty because that's what Jesus taught us to do. We are all created with dignity and worthy. We all have value because we are created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, people in poverty should be treated as equals and given the chance to be the best they can be again."*



2nd Place, Grades 10-12: *Go Keen*

"Go Keen" poster, Christina Vasil, Catholic Central High School, Diocese of Albany. The artist writes:*"Poverty is closer than we sometimes like to think. There are people without homes in Troy, Albany: local areas. It isn't addressed as it needs to be... The 'Go Green' movement inspired my theme, paralleling the recycling of knowledge to the recycling of resources. The message is that poverty can end if we all work together and become more concerned with the welfare of everyone, not just ourselves."*



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the *blog with heart* challenge 2009/ 2010

Bloggers Mary Jaksch of Goodlife ZEN and Arvind Devalia of Make it Happen have joined forces in order to host the **Blog with Heart Challenge 2009/2010.**

Which blog community has the greatest heart? Each blog is invited to join a friendly challenge to alleviate poverty during the month of December 2009. The top ten will be the nominated winners of the Challenge.

The best ways to alleviate poverty is to give people a hand-up, not a hand-out. That's why the **Blog with Heart Challenge 2009/2010** is joining forces with Kiva, a highly respected micro-lending non profit organization. In an article published in FORTUNE magazine, you can read that Kiva is the toast of Oprah, the Today show, and Bill Clinton's latest book, *Giving*.

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The discussions focused on improving health care for women and children in Africa and highlighted the UN Secretary-Generals 'Every Women Every Child' initiative aiming to save the lives of 16 million women and children by 2015. The First Ladies called for definitive action steps and multi-stakeholder commitments which compliment each nation's priorities and vision for a better future for women and children.

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